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Scheme phased in over four years

Clarke orders appraisal of all teachers

TEACHERS in England and Wales will face compulsory appraisal every two years, Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, announced yes-terday in a reversal of government policy that months ago.

Mr Clarke's decision to abandon the voluntary system established by his predecessor, John MacGregor, will be followed today by further action forcing local education authorities to devolve more spending to schools. New measures are also being considered to encourage more schools to opt out of local authority

The appraisal scheme will be phased in over four years, with half of the teaching force being assessed by the summer of 1993 and the rest in the following two years. Senior staff will observe teachers in the classroom and then discuss their performance and set achievement targets at

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INSIDE 15% pay deal for Peugeot

More than 4,000 Midland car workers at Peugeot Talbot have been offered pay rises worth up to 15 per cent.

This award appears to fly in the face of government appeals that employers and inflation if Britain is to avoid

DeFreitas call

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Phillip DeFreitas, the Lancashire all-rounder, is to join the Australia. He flies out today because of concern over Gladstone Small, who has a thigh

Government list Today we publish a complete list of all the members of John Major's government.... Page 4

Trade initiative

The prime minister is to use his forthcoming talks with European leaders and President Bush to pave the way for world trade talks, MPs were

Stanislaw Tyminski, the émigré businessman who contested the Polish presidential election has been ordered not to leave the country until defamation charges have been

Sales fall

Retail sales dropped another half per cent last month increasing fears that retailers will end a lean year with a poor Christmas. The pound suffered a fall on rumours that base rates may have to be cut

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By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

voluntary body appointees. Mr Clarke's first policy was established only three initiative in his new role signalled his intention to restore the Conservatives as the natural custodians of education standards. Labour has led consistently on education in recent opinion polls.

Both parties have identified education as a battleground for the next election. Labour spokesmen are touring the country promoting the party's policy, launched last week, which has compulsory teacher appraisal as a central feature.

Mr Clarke said that he had cided to reverse the decision of Mr MacGregor to make appraisal voluntary because of the low take-up by local authorities and the strength of reaction after the announcement in September. Many authorities had planned only small-scale schemes for volun-teers, while 18 had planned

Mr Clarke has opted for a cut-price system, adding only £1 million a year to the £9 million made available by Mr MacGregor for the voluntary cheme. More of the costs will Mr Clarke expects senior staff to conduct appraisals as part of their normal work, and training to take place outside school hours. Much of the original cost was associated with the payment of tem-porary staff to cover the

bsence of appraisers. Mr Clarke said: "Teachers will welcome this as a strengthening of their professional status and a method of developing their full potentrai. I am equally sure that all parents will welcome a requirement for the performance of teachers to be ap-

praised regularly."

He emphasised that appraisal was intended to deteachers and predicted that it would soon be accepted, as it is in other occupations. "If someone is not capable of managing and teaching a class to a required standard, they should be expected to leave the job. There are processes

teachers. Individual teachers' through which that can be targets will be available to done now, but it is a mistake chairmen of governors, but to think of the introduction of their assessments will remain confidential. Head teachers will also be subject to appraisal by local authority or would be no set national criteria, although methods would need to be compatible

the changes before introducing new regulations in Parliament. The interim advisory committee on school teachers' pay and conditions is being ments to conditions of service

Teacher unions last night enerally welcomed the outline of the scheme, but exlevel of funding. Only the National Association of choolmasters and Union of ional Union of Teachers and the National Association of Head Teachers welcomed the absence of a direct link be-tween pay, discipline and appraisal.

Jack Straw, Labour's chief education spokesman, also welcomed the decision but added: "Mr Clarke's refusal properly to fund appraisal shows that he has learnt very little about good management ment of Health."Labour has promised to implement to full scheme recommended by the national steering group after pilots last year, at a cost it now puts at £45 million.

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Soviet Union asks **US** for food aid

FTOIR MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Soviet Union said pub- dent Bush of the 1974 Jacklicly for the first time yes-terday that it wanted food aid from its old Cold War adversary, the United States, and the Bush administration signalled help would be given. Before meeting James Baker, the Secretary of State, in Houston, Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, admitted his country's "most acute problem" of food shortages. The Soviet Union would "appreciate ... some food supplies" and "efficient

economic co-operation". Mr Baker told reporters that "as far as humanitarian assistance, medical assistance, food and that sort of thing, I know the president will be very forthcoming with respect to trying to help."

US aid will very likely include the waiving by Presi-

By ALAN HAMILTON

ENOUGH money to buy 50 Chailenger tanks, or build half a frigate, or pay

almost the entire overtime bill of the

Metropolitan Police for a year, may have

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The will of the 6th Marquess of

Westminster. His wealth came from

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key to his estate is Houghton Hall, the

son-Vanik legislation, thus extending preferential trading status to the Soviet Union and allowing it to buy US grain on favourable export credit terms. The administration is said to be considering credit

guarantees of \$1 billion. As Mr Baker held out the prospect of aid to Moscow, Mr Bush had a brief meeting with President Landsbergis of Lithuania which was kept as low-profile as possible.

• MOSCOW: General Igor Rodionov, a hardliner, was summoned for an urgent meeting with Mr Gorbachev yesterday (Mary Dejevsky writes). It came amid persistent rumours in the Baltic republics that Moscow planned military action.



Hostages flood back to UK as Iraq keeps word

THE trickle of British hos- and it was quite a party tages returning from Iraq was turning into a flood last night as President Saddam Hussein appeared to be standing by his romise to release his strategic numan shield by Christmas.

Aircraft were shuttling beween Baghdad and the West, ferrying scores of expatriates home in time for the holiday season. Among them were many people who had finally broken cover in Knwait after evading Iraqi troops for more

More than 100 hostages terday. Last night an Iraqi Airways jumbo jet carrying 384 hostages left Baghdad, It was expected to land at Gatwick at 11 pm.

Two other jets, chartered by the British embassy in Iraq, were on standby today at Baghdad sirport ready to fly to Kuwait to collect the estimated 440 Britons thought to be in the country, either held by the Iraqi invaders or still in hiding. If events go according to plan, they will be transferred onto a jumbo jet at Baghdad for the flight to Britain, scheduled to leave at

pm today. Britons, still in hiding in Kuwait, are expected to respond to Foreign Office advice broadcast over the BBC World Service to meet at 6am at the airport today for the flights to Baghdad.

Douglas Hogg, a junior Foreign Office minister, said yesterday: "By the end of the week, we very much hope we will have all of the hostages and detainees out from Iraq and Kuwait. We have been broadcasting on the World Service, encouraging people to come out of hiding because, of course, they might miss the aircraft."

Mr Hogg was at Heathrow to greet some of the 101 Britons on a flight from Frankfurt which had picked up hostages from an American-chartered Iraqi jet ferrying more than 200 foreign nationals from Baghdad.

A British Airways crew member on the Frankfurt Gulf and retune to a comedy flight said: "The relief was programme instead. He enormous. They were just so helped so much." Mr May, He celebrated his home-exuberant and happy. We aged 44, who works for the coming yesterday with a pint Protests at home, page 10 brought out the champagne United Bank of Kuwait, was at the village pub.

were going to be bombed by the Americans and see the end One freed hostage, Keith of our days there which was terrifying. There were ru-mours also that the security raden, aged 34, from Chatham, Kent, said: "It's fantastic would pick us up in middle of the night."

to be home. I consider myself to be a very lucky man to be alive here back with my Terry Kalaski, aged 46, a family." He said he spent the Leeds university lecturer, said whole time hidden in a villa in he thought the British Government's attitude had been Knwait with three friends and were supplied with food by "too bellicose". "I think it was handled badly. The British statements

their Filipina maid.
On the flight were six members of the crew of BA flight 149 which was stranded when Iraqi troops invaded Kuwait on August 2

Graham Sims, from Colcaptivity at the Sheraton Hotel. "The first three weeks EC partners stuck resolutely to sanctions whereas the British statements damaged the in-

had a belligerent attitude. Our

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Taste of freedom at the village pub

FLUTTERING yellow rib- taken hostage last August For bons were attached to every tree in the garden of the converted 19th-century stable block at Shipbourne in Kent where the freed hostage Edward May returned home with his wife and son yesterday. Silk ribbons had been tied to the door knocker and the aerial on the family car as

"It is the best day of my life," said Mrs Barbara May, aged 39, as she clung tightly to her husband's arm. She said the couple's four-month enforced separation had been "like being aboard an emo-tional roller-coaster". Each day of her husband's captivity, first in Kuwait and then at a chemical plant in northern Iraq, Mrs May sent him long letters. Relatives, friends and neighbours rallied round but it was her son, David, aged 12, who proved the most invaluable supporter. "He would turn off the TV news if it was a strike if war broke out, or, depressing item about the perhaps worse, an accident in

much of his captivity he was held in a house at Kuwait University. "I was with some level-headed people and we kept our emotions in check, although the boredom was appalling," he said. Mr May kept anxiety, anger

and homesickness at bay by reading books which had not been stolen or burnt by Iraqi troops. "I also wrote some semi-autobiographical short stories on a computer we found which had, miraculously, not been broken or looted. Unfortunately I wiped them one day while I was being hectored by an Iraqi soldier," he said.

He was moved to a chemical weapons plant at Samara in northern Iraq. "I felt terrible then. It was a grim and sinister place with anti-aircraft batteries everywhere and blast-proof walls. We faced two possibilities; a Western air the plant and a leak of some programme instead. He chemical weapons' gas."

Peer's £118m will may sidestep the taxman

blizzard enquiry

into how the authorities coped with the weekend blizzards was launched last night as MPs joined the chorus of complaints about the

Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, said he had asked his department to review arrangements for dealing with the sudden onset of

severe weather conditions. As the worst of the weather moved towards the Continent, mopping up operations began. sands of homes without electricity and roads blocked by abandoned vehicles.

least eight deaths over the

Jaguar is laying off nearly 5,000 workers after snow closed the company's main production plant in Coventry yesterday. Assembly workers Continued on page 22, col 6

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Midlands had to contend with

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the varying levels of applica-tion response has led to big boards can only expect an allocation if they have applied for the bare minimum of 100 shares. In the case of

the 12 regions, they will only receive 90 shares if they have applied for 100. boards which are larger or less popular will be more lucky. In the case of Southern, noncustomers are only ruled out completely if they have app-lied for more than 1,500

"Grey market" prices which had averaged at 136p prior to rocketed once the figures were known. The average was above 145p, against a part-paid price of 100p a share, while Northern and Manweb was just 1p lower. predicting chaos when dealing starts today, as institutions keen to balance their port-

The bad weather caused at

ergy secretary, said: "The oversubscription is in direct proportion to the under-pricing."

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Cholmondeley, published yesterday, has disclosed that he left £118,221,949 net (£119,847,956 gross), the highest will ever proved in the United Kingdom. Tax experts agreed, however, that the government was unlikely to get its hands on more than a minute fraction of it. Lord Cholmondeley, who died in March aged 70, held the ceremonial post of Lord Great Chamberlain, responsible for looking after parts of the Palace of

Inland Revenue.

family seat near Kings Lynn built in the 18th century for Sir Robert Walpole, and sumptuous Palladian house in Britain's first recognised prime minister. In his will, the marquess directed that his personal chattels be held on trust and

used by his lineal descendants who succeed to the Marquisate of Cholmondeley". The remainder of his estate, including any undisposed of chattels, were bequeathed to his son, the 7th marquess. Staff at the family's other house, Cholmondeley Castle, near Malpas, Cheshire, said yesterday that the 30-year old inheritor of the title and estate was abroad, and not available for

Solicitors representing the family confirmed last night that the bulk of the estate was represented by Houghton Hall, which is open to the public and contains an impressive collection of works of art and artefacts. Houghton, designed by the architect Colen Campita corporation of Japan.

and sumptuous Palladian house in England, and is set in 4,000 acres. The Inland Revenue said yesterday

that the peer's estate would be examined for liability to inheritance tax. After the first £128,000, which is tax-free, the rest of any estate can be liable to taxation at 40 per cent, which in this case would net the Treasury about £50 million. There were, however, a number of reliefs, including business, agricultural or heritage property, a spokesman said.

Tax experts forecast last night that the peer's estate would escape most tax, as Houghton Hall would be classed as a heritage property under legislation first introduced in 1975 by the Labour chancellor, Denis Healey. David Rothenburg, of the City accountants Blick Rothenburg, said yesterday: "They will probably escape tax if Houghton stays in the family."



Waldegrave pressed to end strikes at top-security hospitals

By Quentin COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRES

pressure yesterday to attempt management submits its proto end the strikes at the posal to end staff travel-to-Rampton and Ashworth topsecurity hospitals that have led to scores of severely three suspended nurses. mentally disturbed patients being locked in their rooms.

themselves for a third day of health organisation Mind, and set back the recovery of over the running of the killed himself since the action began on Saturday.

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director, called on the min- authority's 3,300 staff includister to intervene in the dis- ing most of its nurses, has pute between the Prison Officers' Association (POA) and the Special Hospitals Service Authority, which manages the institutions, and said:
"I fear that for many patients the consequences will be seen in further drastic infringements of their civil liberties and, for some, a devastating containing some 1,700 paand profound deterioration in

their mental health."

negotiations and reinstates

The ostensible cause of the As the hospitals braced determination to phase out to accelerate the trend towards travel-to-work allowances. Instrike action, the mental formed observers see the confrontation as more of a trial of said that the disruption could strength between the union drive some patients to suicide and the authority, which took many others. One patient has Rampton, Ashworth and Broadmoor hospitals last year.

gan on Saturday. The union, which repre-Ros Hepplewhite, Mind's sents about 60 per cent of the never overcome its initial suspicion that the new employer was intent on breaking its power. The authority sought to allay these fears by drawing up a new negotiating agreement with the POA, but the doubts persisted. Staff at the special hospitals,

tients defined as criminally insane, perform an awkward Last night, the authority dual role, acting both as nurses was still considering a union and as warders. Up until

WILLIAM Waldegrave, the peace package. The union says about 1980, the accent was health secretary, was under it will call off the strikes if the firmly on simply containing patients, but over the past work allowances to genuine switched to providing therapy - a move that some prison officers have opposed.

The new management has dispute is the management's clearly signalled that it wants a more relaxed, constructive regime. All nurses nowadays qualified and registered with the National Health Service. In spite of this, most remain fiercely loyal to the POA.

Bridget Sampson, POA

branch secretary at Broad-moor hospital, at Crowthorne, Berkshire, said that nurses were deeply aggrieved that the authority was seeking to phase negotiation. Mike Swinnerton, the authority's personnel manager, said yesterday that the allowance could no longer be justified because there was no longer a recruitment problem. Their nurses, who received £2,050 a year extra for working in a dangerous environment, among the best paid within



which a woman passenger died but from which two young children, including a two-week old baby, escaped without serious injury. The car was hit by a train yesterday on an unmanned level crossing at Coswarth, near Newquay, Cornwall, The woman driver was taken to hospital in Truro, where the two children are being treated for head injuries. Their condition is said to be satisfactory. The

down the track before the train came to a halt. There were no passengers in the train but the driver and co-driver were taken to hospital suffering from shock. The occupants of the car had to be cut out by firemen. Police believe that the accident may have been caused by bright smalight, which could have prevented the car driver from seeing red warning lights on the crossing.

Coroner attacks lack of juvenile remand centres

By OUR HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE lack of special remand probation officer told the incentres for juveniles was quest that they were constrongly criticised by a coro- cerned about the boy being ner yesterday after a jury held in prison and feared that returned an open verdict on a he might try to kill himself. He schoolboy found hanged in a had slashed his wrists twice cell at Swansea jail in July.

Richard Morgan, the Glamorgan coroner, said: "The saddest fact is that there was just nowhere else for this boy to go. That seems to be the ub of the tragedy. It is simply lack of resources".

His comments will embarrass ministers who have been under pressure for years to bar all juveniles from being remanded to adult jails and remand centres. Earlier this year they decided to tackle the problem by extending the network of council-run juvenile secure units. An announcement on increased funding, which has led to a dispute between the Home Office and the health department, is ex-

pected shortly.

Phillip Knight, aged 15, was remanded in custody accused of stealing a handbag. Magistrates sent him to Swansea jail after bearing that there were no juvenile secure units in Wales and that he had tried to escape from children's homes 11 times.

An open verdict was returned after the coroner said that the boy's death had not been due to lack of care by prison staff. Mr Morgan told the jury that the only other possible verdict was suicide.

previously. Prison staff, however, said that they saw noth. Russell Jones, the prison's doctor, described the wristslashing as an "expression of

resentment and anger". Charles Erickson, the jail's governor, agreed that an adult prison was not a suitable place for a schoolboy, but said that no other secure accommoda tion could be found.

The boy was taken into care in June 1989 after his adoptive parents decided that they could no longer tolerate his unruly behaviour. They did not attend the inquest.

Penal reformers urged the government to abolish the practice of remanding juveniles to adult jails. Deborah group that investigates su picious deaths in custody said: "Support and trained specialist help at a secure unit should have been available to him instead of him being kept in a place where you are locked up for 23 hours a day."

The criminal justice bill now in the Commons, proposes abolishing custodial remands for boys aged 14. ne jury that the only other Courts are already barred ossible verdict was suicide. from sending girls to adult Three social workers and a jails.

SFO drops enquiry into miners' funds

By TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE Serious Fraud Office has International Miners Organis decided not to pursue in- ation posed serious difficulties for an enquiry by British vestigations into allegations that £1.4 million donated by Soviet miners during the national pit strike five years ago four-man NUM team which was misdirected by Arthur Scargill, president of the Nat-Union arrived at a comional Union of Mineworkers. promise deal that resulted in

The Times reported three months ago that because of the passage of time, lack of evidence and questions of juris-diction, fraud squad officers had decided the investigation would not succeed.

Yesterday a spokesman for the SFO said: "We have received the results of the Metropolitan police investiga-tion and we have advised within our statutory criteria."

Making the decision to call off the investigation, the police are understood to have identified two key areas which made it unlikely any action could be pursued over the handling of the union's fi-nances during the strike.

The first was that the National Union of Mineworkers never made an official complaint and the second was based on questions of jurisdiction. The fact that money collected by Soviet and other Eastern European miners was paid into a Dublin account controlled by the Paris-based

Hearing on next move over Six

By Frances GIBB LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Court of Appeal may hold a special hearing before Christmas to decide the next move in the case of the

Birmingham Six.

The judges who will sit on the appeal were announced in a parliamentary question yesterday as Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Mustill and Lord

Justice Farquharson.

It is possible that the judges will now invite lawyers both for the men and for the Director of Public Prosecutions to attend a pre-trial hearing to sort out the next practicable move. Alternatively, lawyers for the six may lodge an application for bail, in which case there would also be a speedy hearing before

Technically the appeal hearing is awaiting a move by the defence lawyers. Progress is being delayed because lawyers for the six men are unwilling to lodge their full grounds of appeal until the Devon and Cornwall police investigation is complete and all possible material has come to light.

At the same time, however, they are anxious to forceAllan Green, the DPP, to declare his hand on whether the crown will contest the appeal.

No decision has yet been taken by the DPP on the crown's stance. It is thought likely, however, that he will contest the appeal on the grounds that there is other evidence in the case, beyond that over which doubts have now been raised.

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certification officer for alleged failure to keep proper Cook denies bid for

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Mr Scargill still faces legal

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leadership Robin Cook, the shadow health secretary, denied yesterday that he was preparing to bid for the leadership of the Labour party. He issued a statement declaring that there was no vacancy and that the only post he was interested in was that of health secretary in

a Labour government. Mr Cook's action was in response to weekend reports linking him with gossip that Neil Kinnock might face pres-sure to stand down before the next election. For most Labour MPs there is no question at all over Mr Kinnock's position. Yet this has not prevented speculation appearing in some newspapers.

Gold returns

Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, said last night that a Bronze Age gold collec-tion due to be sold for the Duke of Northumberland at Sotheby's on Thursday was to be returned to Ireland after negotiations, it will be shown in the National Museum. He threatened legal action last month for the return of a gold collar, which Irish authorities said had been taken from the country illegally.

Case delayed

Bad weather hit the Sonis when a Midlands juror was unable to reach the High Court in London. The hearing resumes today with Mrs Sutcliffe, of Heaton, Bradford, sceking damages over a News of the World story in December 1988 accusing her of having an affair with George Papoutsis, a Greek tour op erator. Libel is denied.

Tests on Imbert Sir Peter Imbert, the commis-

sioner of the Metropolitza police, underwent medical tests yesterday at St Thomas's hospital in London. He had been taken there at the weekend after experiencing breathing difficulties. Yesterday the condition of Sir Peter, who suffered a series of heart attacks in October, was described as comfortable.

CORRECTION The telephone number for

King's England Press, pub-lisher of the Arthur Mee county guides, was wrongly given in Saturday's paper. The number is



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Bandsman tells inquest how bomb threw him through the air

By RAY CLANCY

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A BANDSMAN who survived the worst terrorist attack on mainland Britain yesterday described how he flew through the air when a bomb exploded at the Royal Marines School of Music at Deal, Kent.

Corporal Robert Graham, who suffered shock and perforated ear drums in the blast in which 11 colleagues died, then picked himself up and despite his injuries dug in the rubble with his hands to try to rescue his friends. He told the inquest into the deaths that it had been an ordinary day before the explosion at 8.26am on Friday, September 22, 1989

He described how about 25 marines gathered as usual in the instruction room which was used for recreation. They were changing into their uniforms ready for band duty, chatting and drinking coffee. Minutes before the bomb exploded he had been stand-ing in the middle of the room when was moving with the force. Nothfor some unknown reason" he walked out into the foyer where he was studying a notice board when

there was "an almighty explosion". Looking tense Corporal Graham graphically described the force of the blast: "The wall I was looking at looked as if it was a sheet that was rippling in front of me. I was being blown forward and down at the same time. I tried to straighten myself up but couldn't. I never reached the wall I was just moving towards it"

He then found himself outside the building on top of the rubble with colleagues buried all around him. "You had an amazing escape," Richard Sturt, the East Kent coroner, told him. Corporal Graham, who is still stationed at Deal, said he was probably saved

by the wall which fell away from

ing came down on top of me, nothing fell on my head. I got up and turned round. There was nothing there."

He then described how he was taken away from the scene of the explosion by another marine but he went back and joined the rescue operation. "When people arrived I tried to direct them to show where people were buried under the rubble so that they would not be digging in the wrong place. I was trying to point them in the right

Another bandsman, musician Michael Cole, whose right hand was bandaged, described how he was buried underneath rubble, saw a glimmer of light and managed to free one of his arms. "I was flat on my back. I woke up a lot later underneath the ceiling. I saw a

arms I managed to claw away the rubble from behind my head. I managed to get one of my arms out of the rubble. I could hear people above, I could hear them pulling me out of the rubble. They carried Die to the side of the parade ground

and I was laid on the grass." By the end of its first day the inquest had heard details of the cause of death of seven of the bandsmen. Corporal Trevor Davis, aged 39, musician Richard Jones, 27, Corporal Dean Pavey, 31, Corporal Andrew Cleatheroe, 25, musician Richard Fice, 22, and musician Timothy Reeves, 24, all died instantly from severe blast injuries. Musician Robert Simmonds, 34, was pulled from the rubble alive but died in Buckland

Hospital, Dover. Musician Fice, who was probably sitting on the sofa where the

glimmer of light and using both my bomb was hidden and was blown onto the roof of the building by the force of the blast, was the most severely injured. Mr Sturt said his injuries, a fractured skull, neck. ribs and spine and gross mutilations, were the worst he had ever seen. "He would never have survived even for a split second."

The inquest being held in Dover, also heard that dozens of bandsmen escaped injury because they were given a lie-in by John Ware, the school's director of music. In his opening remarks Mr Sturt said that normally up to 70 bandsmen would have been packed into the recreation room, known as the Coffee Boat, but on that particular Friday there were only 25 because most of the bandsmen had had a late engagement the previous evening and were given a lie-in. Mr Sturt told the jury that 11 bandsmen died,

day in hospital and another three drew the jury's attention to questions about security at the barracks. He said a civilian security firm, Reliance, was employed after a commando unit left the barracks nine years ago. A small number of non-bandsmen marines remained to help with security. "Both undertook regular patrols but there was no comprehensive perimeter fenc-

ing," Mr Sturt said. Mr Sturt also indicated that it was possible to see right into the instruction room where the bomo was placed from the upstairs windows of houses in an adjoining road to the barracks. He said that one house, No 17 Campbell Road, had been rented by a young man who spoke with an Irish accent, and who had never been traced.



Start yesterday: "Injuries

Disruption continues but snow moves to Continent

and school closures greated Britain yesterday after its first weekend of heavy snow in December for ten years. The bad weather caused at least eight deaths as rescue services were hampered by the extreme

Centre, which had earlier predicted that the snow could spread to the South from the badly-hit Midlands, northern and western areas, has said that milder conditions are on

The worst of the weather has moved towards the Continent. Heavy snow fell in France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Germany and Austria, in affected areas. Roads re-halting traffic and leaving mained closed in Scotland, thousands without electricity. Heavy rains and wind in southern Europe closed ferry

services and flooded Venice. Small towns in Spain were cut off by snow. Snow fell in Paris, and roads were closed in south-eastern and central France. The Mont Blanc tunnel through the Alps was

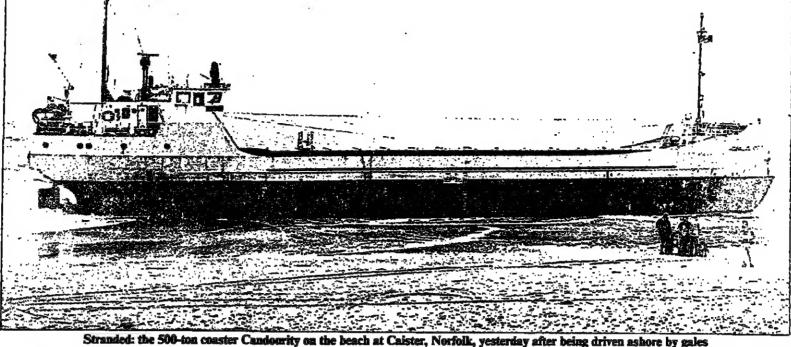
POWER cuts, road blockages closed. Rain falling on the and school closures greated French riviera flooded basements and the Nice Opera on des Anglais.

Zermatt, in southern Switzerland, reported 36 in of snow in 24 hours.

Schools in Turin were The London Weather closed as northern Italy dug out from its first pre-Christmas snow since 1964. Snow fell on Mount Vesuvius and the island of Ischia in the Bay of Naples. Wind-driven seas flooded Venice. In Britain, the AA warned

drivers of the dangers of hard-packed snow and black ice and urged commuters to share cars if they had to drive at all Gloucestershire, Cheshire, Derbyshire and the North-

Schools in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Shropshire, and Hereford and Worcester were lands workmen were trying to



blankets and warm clothes to

the children, and a Wessex

helicopter finished the job

Householders in the Midlands were the worst hit. The Nottingham-based East Midland electricity company said that 300,000 customers were without supply. Some isolated communities in Warwickshire and Derbyshire whose electricity has been cut off since the weekend were warned that it could take until the end of the week to restore

The weekend storms have restore power to thousands of snapped the thick poles carry-

reconnection task. A spokesman said that, at the peak of morning. The RAF was first the storm, 500,000 customers called in on Sunday to drop in the East Midlands were cut

the West Midlands, ľn about 45,000 customers were still cut off in the Worcester, Shropshire and Hereford areas. There were also about 9.000 cut off in the south Birmingham area, In Wales, 3.500 were cut off in the rural areas of Clwyd and Gwynedd.

Peter Walker, the former energy secretary, criticised electricity companies for keeping the public in the dark about weekend power cuts. He accused the Midlands electricity board of not providing

Mr Walker, Conservative MP for Worcester, was among the 100,000 people in the area who suffered power cuts. He and his family had to put on extra clothing and find their way about with torches.

In Yorkshire, about 400 people were still without electricity, and Yorkshire Water customers in Leeds were having to draw supplies from emergency tankers. The Severn-Trent water company warned most of its 8.25 mil hon customers to boil water for the next few days. A spokeswoman said that only people living in Birmingham, could rely on the water quality, because supplies there had not been interrupted. She said that about 250,000 homes were still without water, including 80,000 at Telford, Shropshire, and 100,000 at Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

While the icy weather swept southwards yesterday into Kent, Essex and East Anglia, British Rail reported that InterCity services were running normally.

An RAF belicopter airlifted

12 stranded guides and brownes from an old school used as a hostel at Great Alne, near Stratford-on-Avon, Warwick-

homes cut off during the ing the supply, leaving a long shire, where they had been cut the weekend blizzards. Some helped to deliver the child tion when electronic "spikes"

> yesterday by airlifting the girls from Great Alne to their homes at Nuneaton. Piers Corbyn, who runs the London-based forecasting company Weatherplan Services, said that he had given a warning in July of snow storms in Britain this month. He also predicted that recurring snow and freezing con-

as power lines went down in A cleaner from a nearby hotel alcohol.

had gone to call for an operated within the computambulance. ers, the Association of Profes-☐ Philip Hurd, the sevenyear-old son of Douglas Hurd, sional Computer Consultants

the foreign secretary, was re-

hospital, in Oxford, vesterday

after being flown from the

with suspected appendicitis.

Antoine Fortain, a 39-year-

old French lorry driver, was

fined £600 and banned from

driving in Britain for three

years by magistrates at

Bradford yesterday. Police

had stopped him as he drove

drinks, the court was told. He

admitted driving with excess

☐ Howard Stevenson, the farmer who is recovering in hospital at Harrogate after spending 27 hours in a snow igloo, has been told that the pet dog that he was trying to find in the snow has turned up safe at a neighbouring farm. ☐ Ken Sampson, a headmaster who has been without water and electricity since ditions would continue Friday, had two letters delivthoughout December. He ered yesterday: his water and his truck through the snow stands to win£1,000 if a White electricity bills.

Christmas bet that he placed A woman gave birth in the public house to telephone his ☐ The snow caused hundreds trapped in a drift at the village of computer networks to crash of Emley, near Huddersfield.

Traders in Ulster vield to

By RICHARD FORD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

FOUR small businesses in Northern Ireland have been forced to announce publicly members of the security forces after being threatened by the Provisional IRA.

The businesses, two owned by Roman Catholics and two by Protestants, placed adverusements in a newspaper in Co Fermanagh saying they would not deal with members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Ulster Defence Regiment and regular army.

Calling for an emergency debate in the Commons yesterday, the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist party, said the businessmen had been forced under threats from the IRA to say they would not serve members of the security forces. He said if the advertisements had appeared in Great Britain there would be a furore in the Commons.

The adventisements appeared in the public notices page of the Enniskillen newspaper Impartial Reporter. Denzil McDaniel, the editor, said: "They are the first such insertions we have had. It is certainly blatant intimidation. We have had very little of this sort of thing in Fermanagh although we have beard of a

lot around Belfast and Derry." The Provisional IRA has used similar tactics against security forces and has killed people working for companies that ignored the threats.



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GPs found guilty of misconduct

TWO family doctors who asked pharmaceutical companies for payment before agreeing to check whether they had prescribed potentially dangerous drugs were found gnilty yesterday of serious professional misconduct.

Dr Timothy Timberlake, ahed 47, and Dr John Blackmore, aged 48, asked for a £25 fee for checking to see if they had handled the infertility drug and a further £100 to tell patients if they had prescribed it at their practice in West Moors, Wimborne, Dorset. They denied serious pro fessional misconduct and said that they had asked for the money "to protect resources for their patients".

The General Medical Council's professional conduct committee in London ruled that the two doctors' registration should be suspended for three months, pending any appeal. The doctors were found not guilty of serious professional misconduct over a leastlet offering to distribute communications to selected patients for commercial organisations. | ita corporation of Japan

Rise and rise of the CD leads to boom for classical music

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

CLASSICAL music is booming thanks to the rise of the compact disc and unprecedented marketing by recording companies, according to the latest Cultural Trends survey of the arts by the Policy Studies Institute, published today.

The report shows that, in the first six months of this year, compact discs accounted for more than half of classical recordings, and classical music increased its share of all recordings from 8 per cent over the same period in 1989 to 11 per cent

"1990 has been an exceptional year for classical music recordings," the re-port says. Sophisticated marketing has also boosted its popularity. The compact disc trade began in 1985 with 3.1

million units and registered

41.7 million in 1989, over-

taking long-playing records

(down from 53 million to

for the first time. Cassettes increased from 55.4 million to 83 million. Of the CDs bought by under-35s in 1988-9, 28 per cent were classical and, for 35-54 age group, 46 per cent of CD sales were of classical music. The televised perfor-

mance by Nigel Kennedy the violinist of Vivaldi's Four Seasons helped his recording of the work achieve sales of more than 650,000 by Luciano Pavarotti's ren-

dition of "Nessun Dorma" from Puccini's opera Turandot as the theme for World Cup broadcasts in the summer also gave classical music an unaccustomed pop chart boost. The recording of operatic highlights by Pavarotti, Carreras and Domingo actually reached number one the album charts in

Britons have still some way to go before they match the appreciation of classical musical displayed by the rest

of Europe. The British Phonographic Industry Year Book says: "If the level of classical music sales in the UK is to rise to the levels of between 13 and 18 per cent seen in some European countries, penetration has to be in the younger groups.

This is obviously a function of education and exposure but, with constantly diminishing expenditure on music education in schools and with virtually no classical music radio (radio 3 has a small audience) the chances of increasing the younger audience for recorded classical music remain firmly in the hands of the marketing departments for classica music labels."

London's four main symphony orchestras have also been able to cash in on the CD boom. In 1988/9 the orchestras earned £4.5 million from recordings.

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Poll tax review set to help hardest-hit first however, simple to admin- cabinet's local government

give more help to those hardest hit by the poll tax are likely to be the first fruits of the government's review of the

Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, is expected to announce today that the review will be headed by Roger Bright, who is the head of information at the environment department.

Government advisers and senior civil servants are almeasures to help to reduce ext year's poll tax bills. With the prospect of a general election next year, ministers en some of the injustices of the present system before they go to the polls.

What has emerged so far is a preference for improving the transitional relief scheme, which helps households whose combined poll tax bill is much larger than their old rates bill. The scheme covers anyone whose poll tax is £3 a week more than their rates. Under plans already announced it will be extended in April to cover those paying £2 a week more, at a cost of £570 million.

The scheme has been criticised for raising false expectations because the poll tax figure used to calculate eligibility is a notional figure produced by the department rather than the actual tax levied by each council. It is,

bills at source, and has helped 7.5 million adults this year, 500,000 of them over retirement age. Next year 12 million of the 37 million charge payers in England will benefit. The measure is also cheap.

It would be possible to increase the number of people benefiting from the scheme from a third to nearly a half of all charge payers by spending an extra £500 million. By contrast it would cost £1 billion to reduce average poll tax bills by £28 by giving extra central grant to councils. That option, and improvements to poll tax benefits that help



Any interim measures will require the approval of the

Ava Gardner ring goes for £209,000

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND, ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

recluses, the film star Ava death of her husband in 1985, Gardner and the the miltionairess Dorothea Allen, made a total of nearly £1 million yesterday at Sotheby's in London.

The £355,025 proceeds from Ava Gardner's trousseau will go to her niece and two sisters. Because no heirs have been identified for Mrs Allen's inheritance, the £577,000 raised from her jewels are being claimed by the

Treasury.

Top price among 33 Gardner lots was £209,000 paid by a private buyer for an emerald and diamond cluster ring by Van Cleef & Arpels, 1961. The estimate had been £120,000-£150,000.

in her heyday, Ava Gardner was known for her romances, having married her fellow film star Mickey Rooney and the clarinettist Artie Shaw in quick succession.

In her latter years, the Carolina-born actress retired to Knightsbridge in London where she appreciated the fact that the English "mind their own Goddam business". She died here, aged 68, in January

Top lot among the Allen collection was a large Cartier diamond ring, which fetched A high-living socialite in the

Thirties and Forties, who claimed to be on first name terms with Clark Gable and Errol Flynn, Mrs Allen re-

complete the poll tax review,

but a senior source said yesterday: "We recognise that the

envernment does not have

that sort of time. Councils

discuss their budgets in Janu-

ary and set them in February. We have got to bring some-thing forward by the middle of

January. The longer term is

The source said that if there

was to be a June election, firm

proposals would have to be

ready for the manifesto, "The

great thing about transitional

relief is that it is a system

designed to get specifically to the people who feel hard done

by under the poll tax. To be frank, those people on benefits

"The people we have alien-

ated are the people who were paying £100 in rates and now suddenly find themselves pay-ing £700 or more in commu-

nity charge. These people are not well off and they deserve some help."

David Blunkett, Labour's

are not our voters anyway.

not all that long either."

ister, being deducted from sub-committee. Longer-term

reforms will be considered by another cabinet group, chaired by the prime minister, which will sit once firm proposals have been produced by the civil service review team. Mr Heseltine has said that it might take up to two years to

appear close to being ruled out



systematically destroying evidence of her past by burning and shredding documents.
Alexandra Rhodes, of Sotheby's, said: "Lots of people were buying jewellery to wear and paying compet-itive prices. But there were some items that were sold

slightly below estimates."

household and that people lose relief if they move house

local government spokesman said: "We welcome any measures which provide relief from the pain of the poll tax, but this scheme is very limited in its effects and will help far fewer people that the govern-ment are claiming. "The fact that the relief is calculated on a maximum of

two notional poll tax bills per

means that any extra help given will be extremely Mr Blunkett said that under the existing relief scheme a family of four adults whose rates bill of £350 a year had been replaced by a poli tax of £400 a head would get only £102 relief to mrugate a £1,250 rise in outgoings.

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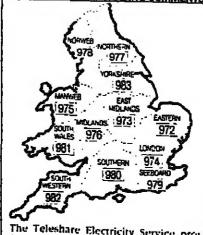
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Search for a quick profit keeps most shares in few hands

MOST of Britain's new breed of stock market players - one in ten of the population - will be preparing to make an instant profit on shares in the electricity supply industry, confirming fears that while privatisations have been successful they have not led more people to invest in UK plc as

One in ten Britons applied for electricity shares, Drewe Rogerson, the government's privatisation advisers, has disclosed, with the sell-off oversubscribed tenfold, making it the most successful privatisation to date.

Some 12.75 million applications have been received from an estimated 5.7 million people, more than 80 per cent from small investors. The high demand will mean a big scaling down of requests and disappointment for investors who applied for anything but the minimum number of shares.

It is expected, however, that the majority of applicants will sell their shares at the first opportunity, taking profits of up to 40 per cent in time for Christmas. Many others will hold on to their shares, still hoping for an eventual profit but also to take advantage of loyalty discount bonuses on their electricity bills.

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In determining allocations, registered customers and small investors will be given priority. Most applicants, 10.2 million, asked for 500 or fewer shares. Subscribers have pledged £17 billion, on the basis of the full 240p share price, and the electricity issue far outshines British Gas, previously the most popular privatisation, which had 4.5 million applications.

Share certificates were due to be posted by December 19, but because of the demand and problems caused by the weather, the deadline has been moved to

In spite of the privatisation programme of the last decade, the Stock Exchange says that small investors have not taken to wider share ownership promoted by the Thatcher governments, because buying and selling shares was perceived

as too complicated. Fourteen per cent of shareholders bold shares that they bought through the stock market, while the rest of Britain's II million shareholders bought them through privatisations. David Jones, chief executive of Sharelink, said that was because banks and stockbrokers were not interested in catering for the small investor holding one or two privatisation stocks.

like *Operations Sharelink are the product of the failings of Big Bang.

In spite of the tenfold oversubscription in the electricity sell-off, and past privatisation successes, Britain has not become a nation of shareholders, David Young writes

meant wider share ownership, but banks and stockbrokers are not that interested because their businesses are geared to large deals or well-heeled private clients," he said.

The Confederation of British Industry has estimated that the proportion of British shares held by private investors fell to 20 per cent last year, down from 30 per cent in 1980. Institutional investors held 60 per cent and the remainder was held by the government and other British and overseas investors.

Around 6.5 million private shareholders had holdings in only one company and only 0.3 million held shares in 11 or more companies. Holdings are overwhelmingly in privatisation issues.

The British Telecom flotation attracted 1.2 million registrations and 2.3 million applications. Enthusiasm for privatisations grew with the TSB flotation, for which 3.1 million people registered and five million applied. The pattern was reversed in the 1986 gas flotation, which had 7.5 million registrations and 4.5 million applications.

Dealings in BP started just after the crash of 1987. which explains why 6.5 million registrations resulted in just 250,000 applications. British Steel attracted 1.5 million registrations and 650,000 applications.

According to research from the Stock Exchange and the Association of Investment Trust Companies, people see privatisations mainly as a way to make a quick profit. The crash of 1987 was seen as a warning that investing on the stock market was risky, but privatisations were considered low risk.

The CBi has found that although millions have



Deregulation should have the move to a share-owning democracy is steadily being lost to the institutions. In 1975, individuals held nearly 40 per cent of the value of Britain's listed companies. Now they own just 20 per cent. Ownership of Britain's

listed companies, which provide most of the country's prosperity, lies in the hands of some 60 investment groups, who control billions of pounds of other people's money. Public ignorance of investing in shares, and the part it plays in creation, is damaging to the economy as a whole, the CBI says,

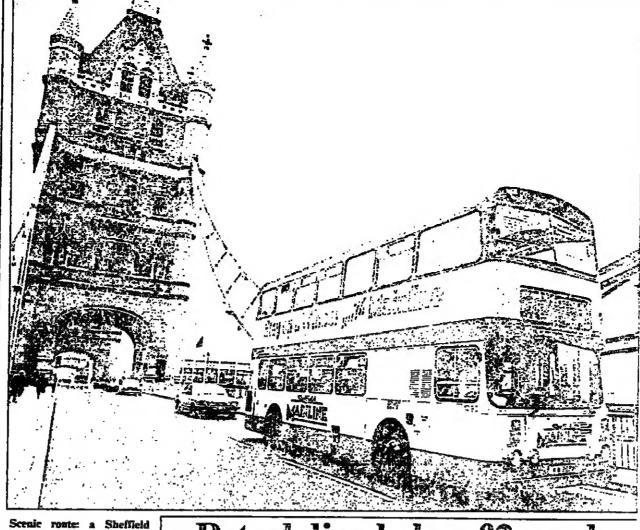
John Banham, the confederation's director-general, said: "Personal savings in the UK in 1988 accounted for under 3 per cent of gross domestic product. This compared with 8 per cent in France, the US and Germany, and 15 per cent in Japan.

To increase the number of individuals regularly investing in the stock market the CBI has proposed a tax-free allowance of £1,200 a year for direct investment in shares as well as other measures and a campaign by retail stockbrokers and the International Stock Exchange to promote the benefits of shares. It wants the relaxation of rules to allow companies to promote their own shares and encouragement for employees to own shares and share options in

their own companies. The CBI also points out, however, that investing in shares is riskier than putting money in a building society because share prices can go down as well as up, but over long periods the rewards can outstrip the return purely from interest. A £1,000 share investment in 1980 would, on average, be worth about £4,000 now, but only £2,200 if it had been held in a building society.

Commenting on the CBI study Fred Carr, a director of the brokers W.I. Carr, said: The stock market is a vicious place full of professionals who have been at it for a long time. Ordinary people may not have enough money for a good spread of risk or to interest a good adviser. It is improper to advise the man on the Clapham omnibus to take his money off deposit and

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Mainline bus crossing Tower Bridge in London might be thought to have taken an unpardonably long detour.

In fact, it is one of several that have been hired to meet a shortage of vehicles on route 78 between Shoreditch and Forest Hill. The contract to run the service was won by London and Country Buses of Reigate, which took over last month. The company has not received all the 11 new vehicles required for route 78 and has made good the deficiency by hiring from South Yorkshire Transport.

£2 a gallon threshold. As joint

market leader with Esso,

By KEVIN EASON MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

PETROL from Shell yesterday dipped below the £2 a gallon mark for the first time since July, signalling the start of another round of price cuts. Shell cut 9.1p (2p a litte) from all grades of petrol to take four-star leaded down to 199.6p (43.9p) and unleaded to 186p (40.9p). Diesel falls 6.4p (1.4p a litre) to 197.8p

cuts. Fina, one of the smaller companies, set the scene for further price cuts at the weekend by reducing the cost of a gailon by 7.3p.

(43.5p). Shell, which has 2,800 bulk oil and petrol on markets end of July."

filling stations, is the first of encouraged by the prospects of the big oil companies to break peace in the Gulf, which the psychologically important would ensure the safety of oil supplies next year. Petrol peaked at 239.6p on

Shell's move is certain to October I but has since turnprecipitate a round of price bled by about 40p to the levels operating before the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait on August 2. Jim Slavin, Shell's retail division director, said last night: "This latest reduction Oil companies were reacting brings our petrol prices back to rapidly weakening prices of to where they were before the brings our petrol prices back

Council . officials questioned on sell-off

By STEWART TENDLER CKIME CURPESPONDENT

THE former chief executive of West Wiltshire district council and three senior officials were arrested yesterday by police investigating the privatisation of the council's computer SUFFICES.

Last night one man was released on medical grounds and the other three were expected to be sent home on police bail. All four were taken to Chippenham police station for questioning. The arrests were made by Wiltshire CID officers led by Det Supt Brian Reed, deputy head of the county's CID, after an eight-month enquiry. Forty police were involved in the arrests, which could be followed by others.

Gerald Garland, the former chief executive, was arrested at 72m by Wilishire police, who called at his home in Frome, Somerset, Documents are reported to have been scized by the officers.

Two of the other men arrested were Rodger White and Roger Pugh, director of land management. Mr Pugh was released from questioning after some hours for medical reasons.

Both men were suspended' in June after the district auditor's report into the formation of the private company West Wiltshire Information Systems Ltd. A disciplinary hearing that will be conducted internally by the council has been adjourned until the end of next month.

The fourth man arrested was Frank Archer, the district council's former director of technical services, who retired

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Attack on road plan for marsh

By JOHN YOUNG

THE transport department has shown blatant disregard for a nationally important wildlife habitat in its proposals to re-route the Al3 over Rainham marshes, in east London, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds will tell a public enquiry today.

The society claims that the route would cut across the north-west corner of a large area of grazing marsh, and would have a drastic effect on many important species of birds, insects and flowers. The Inner Thames Marshes

site of special scientific interest covers 1,184 acres and is the largest in London. Among the birds that breed there are lapwing, shoveler, redshank, sedge warbler, reed warbler, reed bunting, stonechat, yellow wagtail and linnet. Grey partridge and short-eared owls would also be affected, the RSPB says.

The society is presenting evidence jointly with the Nature Conservancy Council (NCC) and the London Wildlife Trust to the enquiry. which began in October at Grays, Essex.

The NCC is also concerned about plans announced last year by MCA, parent company of Universal Studios, to build a 1,000-acre theme park and entertainment complex on part of the marshes beside the new road. It would be designed by Steven Spielberg, the film maker, and it is estimated that it would attract five million visitors a year.

Havering council said yesterday that it expected to hear early next year whether MCA intended to go ahead with its plans. The company was recently bought by the Matsushita corporation of Japan.

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Renton hints at funding for RSC at Barbican

Company can expect a funding boost from the Arts Council's new enhancement fund, but will have to avoid political commitment to the Barbican, Tim Renton, the arts minister, indicated yesterday.

Speaking for the first time about his immediate priorities after taking over the Office of Arts and Libraries, Mr Renton said that his first priority was million fund and that the RSC would be considered.

He said, however. "I was dismayed in the last month or two that things had become very political." That had not helped the RSC's cause. The company has closed the

Barbican theatre, leased from the Corporation of London. to stop its deficit rising to an unmanageable £4.2 million. Mr Renton said that the last productions staged before the Barbican was closed - particularly Moscow Gold, about the aftermath of perestroika under Mr Gorbachev, which played to conspicuously small audiences - were not sensible A suggestion that the RSC

may not return to the Barbican without adequate funding was called a "political by the managing gesture" by the managing director of the Barbican, and relations between the comreached their lowest ebb when the theatre was closed at the

beginning of November. Mr Renton said: "We don't want this to happen again. It seems it all went wrong and it shouldn't go wrong again."

On Thursday, he will meet Peter Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council, and Anthony Everitt, its secretarygeneral, to discuss nendations on allocations from the general fund and the enhancement fund, to be made at a special meeting of the full Arts Council next

The arts minister's second priority is devolution: the delegation of Arts Council funding to new regional arts boards. He will meet a delegation of local authorities, many of whom are unhappy at the decision by David Mellor, Mr Renton's predecessor, to re-

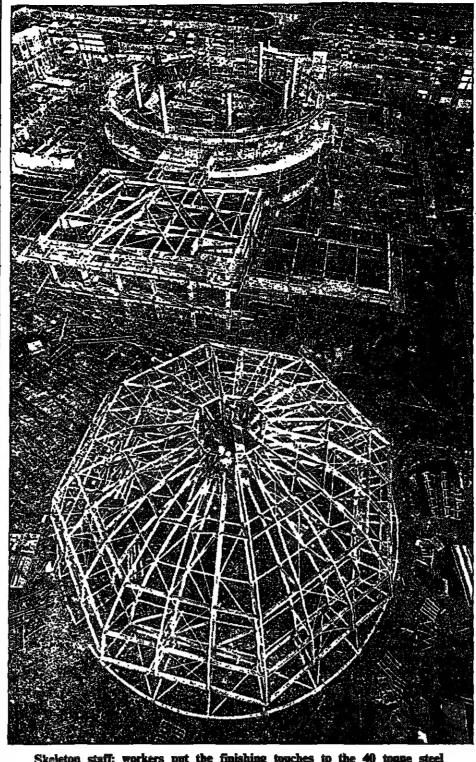
THE Royal Shakespeare by the minister. That gave rise Company can expect a fund- to fears that Mr Mellor intended to be interventionist over the biggest shake-up of the structure of arts subsidy in Britain since the founding of the Arts Council in 1946.

Some local authorities have even threatened to stop arts funding in protest at having only three representatives in the 12 members of the boards, as recommended by Mr

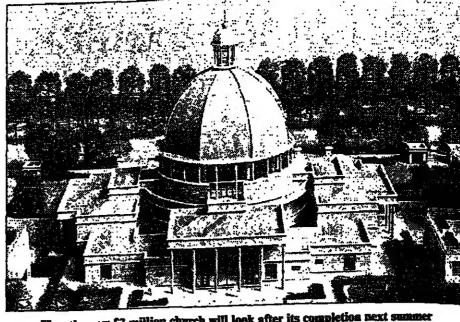
"I am a hearty devolu-tionist" Mr Renton said. "There is often a devil in these things and it's only when you get into the detail that the, devil appears. But I don't take too seriously threats about cutting funds.

He is also concerned about the Royal Opera House's development scheme, which will cost £200 million. "There is an enormous cash flow gap. They need £60 million from the private sector and the opera house have said that, in the present climate, they are not going to get it. But we have said they are not going to get it filled by the government. They have got to rethink what they are going to do, and I am eager to see their modified

The opera house has announced that, although there will be no government funding next year for the scheme they intend to go ahead with it, albeit on a longer timetable. "We are not going into it this year, but it is in my gift to make recommendations to the Treasury for next year," Mr



Skeleton staff: workers put the finishing touches to the 40 tonne steel framework of the 66ft dome, due to be lifted into place later this month



new £3 million church will look after its completion next summe

City's new multi-faith church prepares to raise the roof

CHURCHGOERS in Milton Keynes will soon be praying beneath a roof bearing a striking resemblance to that of St Paul's in London. The octagonal dome will this month be lifted on to the £3 million city church, Britain's first ecumenical city church. which is on schedule for completion by next summer.

The five Christian de-nominations involved have contributed £1 million between them and an anonymous benefactor this week donated £100,000 towards the £2 million appeal, which is £1.5 million towards its target. The 120ft church, called Christ the Cornerstone, will be one of the highest buildings in the city.

The Rev Hugh Cross, the first ever inter-denomination leader for a whole city, has been appointed by the Milton Keynes Christian Council as ecumenical moderator, equivalent, the coun-

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cil says, to a bishop. Mr Cross, who will be based at the church, will move to the city next month. A congregation has already begun worshipping, based in the city's library.

The building is designed on classical lines and the dome is about half the size of St Paul's. The dome's 66ft diameter steel framework has used 40 tonnes of steelwork and stands nearly 40ft high, It will be finished in lead and will support a glazed and colonnaded lantern with an orb and cross on

The new church will be shared by Anglican, Roman Catholic, Baptist, United Reformed and Methodist worshippers. Milton Keynes is an exceptionally ecumenical city and already boasts 29

united congregations. Mr Cross said: "It will be a central church for all the The church will not be called a cathedral, but it will be that sort of place. The church will be not only a place of worship but will have a number of other rooms and offices to serve the community. It is a splendid building

and very exciting."
Mr Cross, ecumenical officer for England with the defunct British Council of Churches, is a Baptist-trained minister and has worked as a missionary bookseller in Zambia. He will be paid a senior minister's salary of about

The church will hold a congregation of nearly 600, and as well as being used as a place of worship will become a meeting place for workers and visitors to the city. A "centre for independent living" will provide a training and information centre for people in the city with

Arts ministry's role may grow | Duty officer 'was at | Call for reduction

AN ENHANCED arts ministry, to take in broadcasting and to be prepared to tackle competition from European countries and joint media projects with them, might be proposed in the next Conservative election manifesto.

Tim Renton, the new arts minister, who was broadcasting minister at the Home Office before becoming government chief whip 13 months ago, denied that he wanted promotion to the cabinet as head of an enlarged department, but conceded that there was logic in combining arts and media in a department that was already more concerned than any other with assisting the creative process.

Asked whether he would advocate it as have the chairman appointed whip in the television political drama House of left office as arts minster in the summer.

Cards, saying: "You may think that, but I couldn't possibly say so. With less than 18 months at the most

before the general election, I have other priorities to attend to before addressing what our paragraph in the election manifesto might be." Mr Renton welcomed the fact that for the

first time culture was to be on the agenda of the Inter-Governmental Conference of EC nations beginning on Saturday.

Mr Renton is anxious to tackle the problem the export of works of art to Europe, both now and after 1992 when trade barriers within the EC are removed. He said that he wanted to hear from the working party studying the issue

poisoning spread

A WATER official went to a ment and would ring again in dog-training class instead of 30 to 45 minutes. He said be dealing with complaints about was taking his dog to obedi-Britain's worst water poisoning incident, a court was told

hours were lost because Raymond Truscott, the stand-by officer, failed to call and then told his headabout the incident at Camelford, north Cornwall. Although he guessed straight away from complaints that chemical pollution was the problem, it was not for another two days that the real fault was found, Exeter Crown

Court was told. The control room at South West Water's headquarters was swamped with complaints when the acid water started reaching homes. Susan Jones, telephone controller, said she quickly realised the seriousness of the complaints but could not find anyone to act on them. The now-extinct South West Water Authority denies causing a public nuisance and poisoning the Camel with aluminium sulphate. The jury has heard how 20 tons of the chemical were accidentally dumped into the mains at Lowermoor treatment works near Camelford in 1988.

The Crown alleges that the authority, which has since been privatised, failed its customers by failing to diagnose the problem quickly enough and failing to issue a warning

of the dangers. Mrs Jones said she took two complaints before 8.04pm. when Mr Truscott made a routine check-in. "At that stage I did not tell him anything about Camelford. He said he had a previous engage-

Karpov has 19th game postponed

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THERE was no play last night in the World Chess Championship in Lyons, France, after Anatoly Karpov, the chal-lenger, asked for the 19th game to be postponed until Wednesday.

Each player in the championship has the right to postpone three games, after informing the arbiter of their intention by midday local time. Kasparov, the defending champion, and Karpov each have one "time out" left.

Karpov's time out came as no surprise after the battering he received in the 18th game, which he resigned on Sunday

Kasparov now leads by 91/4 points to 81/2. There are six games left in this \$3 million contest. The winner will be the first player to score 12%

night class' as water of permitted lead

THE permitted maximum of supplier for advice or ask an report in Which Way to Health, published today by the Consumers' Association,

says (John Young writes). Last year a government no more than 10 to 15 micrograms. The average for adults should be no more than

She said she continued to receive complaints and became alarmed when she heard how one man's lips, fingers and hair had stuck together

Mr Truscott rang again at 11pm and she told him about the complaints, which now included the taste of sulphur and tingling and burning sensations. "He said to me not to say too much." The hearing

ence classes and we had a bit of banter about whether they Mrs Jones said she was then

30 micrograms.

Water suppliers are advised to inform customers if tests show a level of more than 50 micrograms, but those are not necessarily an accurate guide, since most lead contamination comes from domestic

pipes and tanks. The use of lead for new pipes was not banned until 1976, and lead-based solder on copper pipes not until last year. Those concerned about lead levels should ask their

50 micrograms of lead in a environmental health officer litre of drinking water is too to test a sample taken first high and should be reduced, a thing in the morning, after the water has been standing overnight

"High levels of lead are a proven health hazard." David Dickinson, the magazine's report advised that water for editor, says. "Even at low babies' bottles should contain levels lead can interfere with red blood cell formation and vitamin D metabolism.

The article advises people to run the cold water tap for three minutes first thing in the morning, and for one minute in the pipes for more than a few hours to take drinking and cooking water from the cold tap in the kitchen; and not to use tap water for babies' bottle feeds. The article suggests that hard water may be better for people's health than soft water. Studies suggest that it offers some protection against heart disease.



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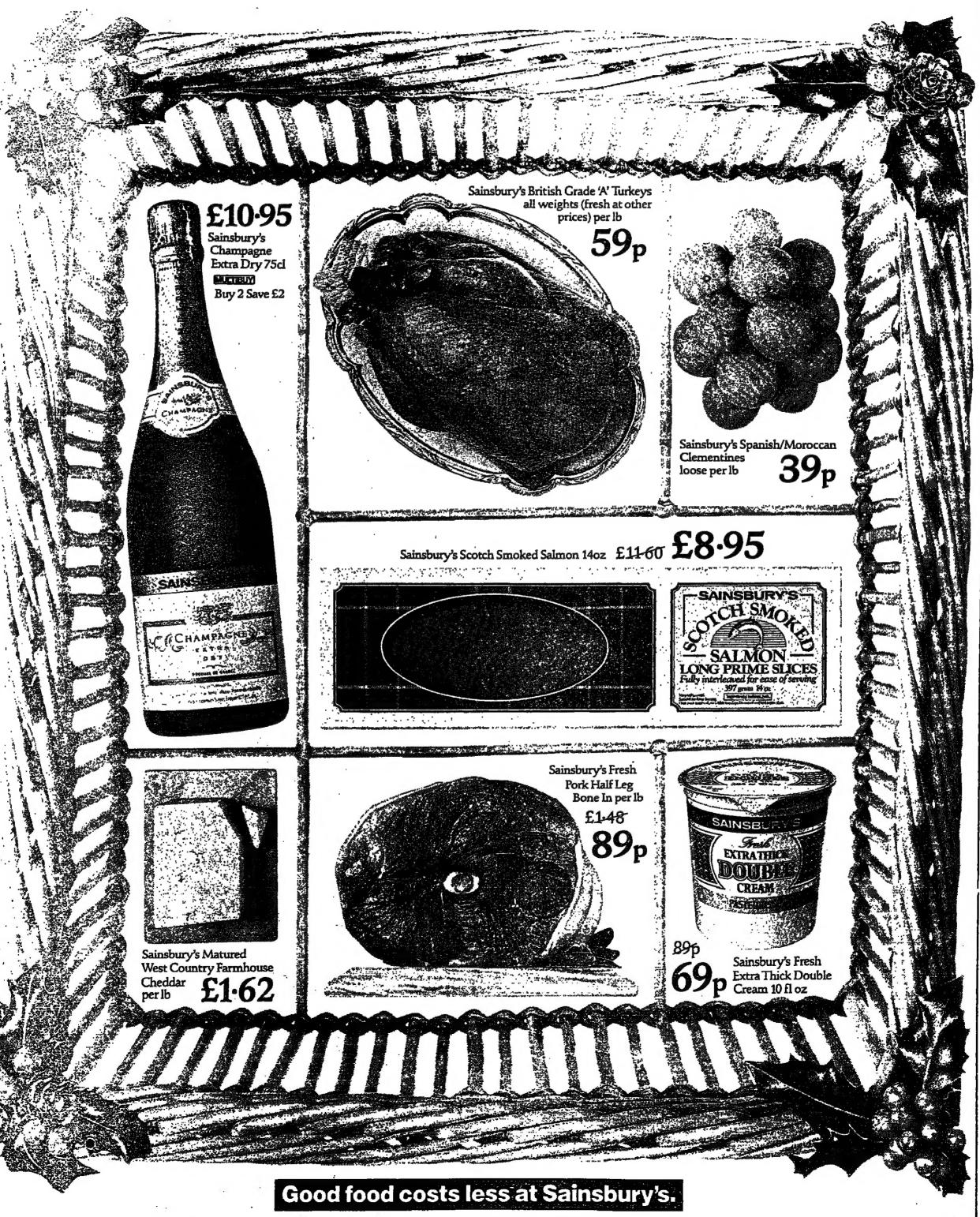
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Judge sends sisters home in ritual abuse hearing

ter," the statement said.

He added that the parents were

delighted by the outcome and wished to return to a normal life as

soon as possible. Two of the sisters

have lived at home pending the outcome of the wardship

The three girls were among 20 temporary wardship cases which Rochdale council had sought to

make permanent after allegations

of ritual abuse. The case relating to

the remaining 17 children is to

continue and the hearing is ex-

A statement from David Venables, Official Solicitor to the

Supreme Court, issued after the

hearing began, said that the judge

had ordered that there be no

further media speculation about

the cases and that no approach be

made by the media to any of the

parties involved while the

edines were in progress.

A statement said the hearing

would take many weeks and there would be a full and detailed

investigation. All the parents are represented by counsel and solicitors, and the children are

represented by the Official Solicitor. In the interests of the children,

their anonymity is being

The parents of the children have

denied the accusations, which

came after statements from a boy

aged six to his teacher. Investiga-

tions by Greater Manchester police did not, however, uncover

any evidence on which criminal

health department to examine the

way in which they handled child

abuse cases, and the inspectors were critical at the way in which

some cases, unrelated to the 20

children involved in the present

O Police and social workers are

working together to investigate

child sexual abuse cases, according

to the findings of a nationa

The study by Surrey university

indicated that that 89 per cent of

police forces and three-quarters of

social services departments jointly

interview abused children, al-though fewer conduct joint inter-views with families. The findings

were disclosed at a London con-

ference on the investigation of child sexual abuse, which was organised by the Police Founda-

body. The figures also show that 21

per cent of police and 19 per cent of social services departments

jointly interview witnesses. A

small number of social services

departments are present during

About two-thirds of all police

forces and social services depart-

ments use video recorders when

interviewing children. Video-tapes will soon be allowed as

evidence in the prosecution of sex

Sue Conroy, a research fellow at the university, who helped pro-duce the survey, said: "The more

better chance there is of develop-

ing a joint understanding of the

offenders.

police interviews with suspects.

Rochdale council invited the

charges could be brought.

proceedings, were handled.

pected to last six weeks.

THREE sisters who were made wards of court after allegations of ritual abuse returned to the permanent care of their parents yesterday. Proceedings relating to the sisters from Rochdale, aged 7, 11 and 16, were abandoned at the High Court in Manchester, and they were allowed home after Mr Justice Douglas Brown heard evidence in private.

A statement authorised by the judge from Gerry Gibson, solicitor for the parents of the children, said that, on the recommendation of Rochdale metropolitan borough council, the three children had been "de-warded".

"It was conceded by Rochdale and accepted by the court that there were no substantive grounds to any allegations in respect of these three children. There has been no criticism of my clients, the parents, throughout the mat-

Life sentence for parcel bomb attack

Terence Thornton, a millionaire antiques dealer, was yesterday iailed for life after being found guilty of attempting to murder his former lover with a parcel bomb. Thornton, aged 59, was given two life sentences by Sheffield crown court for attempted murder and conspiracy to murder Eileen

Caulton, aged 48. Thornton, of Bakewell, Derbyshire, had hired a hit man to kill Miss Caulton, whose left arm was blown off when she opened the

Cucumber robber

Carl Lancaster, aged 30, an unemployed signwriter from King's Cross, London, who, armed with a cucumber, held up a petrol sta-tion, was yesterday jailed for three and a half years.

Bank attack

Two workmen were taken to hospital with head injuries last night after they surprised a man with a pistol and an iron bar in the basement of a bank in Torquay,

Water ban stays

wall will stay in force because reservoirs are still not full in spite of long periods of heavy rain, South West Water said yesterday.

Braille cards

Cardiff central library has introduced a free service to print Christmas cards in braille.

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East Lindsey district council yesterday approved a sesplane taxi service across the Wash between Skegness, Lincolnshire, and Hunstanton, Norfolk.

Rig worker killed

George Murray, aged 37, a married man from Buckie, Grampian, was killed on a North Sea drilling rig yesterday when he was struck

The homeless: action to focus on private sector Return of the caring approach

Government efforts to help the roofless are hampered by factors beyond ministers' control, Jamie Dettmer

reports

IN LINE with the government's efforts to project a more compassionate image, Sir George Young the housing minister, is to review several aspects of the environment department's policy on homelessness. His colleagues hope that he will have a greater impact on the problem of homelessness than his Conservative predecessors.

As Christmas approaches, the plight of Britain's growing army voked widespread concern and led to fierce attacks on the government's handling of a problem that has got worse in the past ten years. Ministers are aware that the government is widely seen as being uncaring about the homeless, and they are now keen to admit that past Conservative policies may have increased the chances of the poor ending up on the streets or in seedy bed-and-

The Labour party has clearly been able to score points off the government's approach to homelessness. At times, the government, eager to think the unthinkable and say the unsayable, seemed to invite outraged criticism. The nadir in right-wing radical approaches to homelessness probably came in the summer of 1988 when Nicholas Ridley, the then environment secretary, considered the idea of withdrawing benefit rights from homeless people who refused to stay in their "home" council area. The aim of the plan was to try to deter destitute people from flood-ing into the main cities. The plan was leaked and attacked as

Mr Ridley's idea came to light during an earlier lengthy review after the widespread media coverage of the plight of young people sleeping rough in London, Manchester and other big cities. Technically, those who sleep rough are described as being



Dave Hayes, aged 28 (left), Alan Scott, aged 22, and Tony Cromwell, aged 33, unemployed and living rough in the Waterloo bullring

roofless. The roofless numbers are tiny in comparison to the 300,000 or so who are in temporary accommodation but have no secure or permanent home. In London, there are probably under 2,000 people who sleep rough. The number of homeless is much higher, with 31,734 families now in temporary accommodation in the capital. More than 8,000 of these homeless families are in bed-and-breakfasts.

Audit Office said the number of households accepted by local from 53,000 in 1978 to 126,000 in 1989. There have been several factors behind this rise, many of them beyond government control. One startling factor lies with the sharp increase in the number of households, which is in itself a

families. One estimate suggested that between 1986 and 2001 the population will increase by 3.8 per cent while the number of households will rise by 11.1 per cent. Housing charities say that other factors that have encouraged homelessness, such as the fall-off in public house-building are within the government's control. The right-to-buy policy has been hugely successful and very popular and has allowed many working class people to fulfil a deeply-held ambition to own their homes. But, as the National Audit Office has pointed out, it has led to a dramatic decrease in publicowned properties that could have

Government efforts to stimulate a compensating growth in the private rental sector have failed.

allowed landlords to charge "market rents", there has been no significant growth in the number of privately rented homes.

According to environment department sources, Sir George is keen to discover why the government's attempts to encourage an expansion of the private rental sector have had little impact. More than 600,000 privately owned properties are empty. It is likely that he will try to devise more ways of increasing the number of privately rented homes at prices the needy can

Sir George is also likely to want to help local authorities bring back into use the 100,000 council houses which are empty. The environment department has already earmarked £300 million over two years for empty propMPs upset at failure to halt rise

> By SHEILA GUNN POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Commons public accounts committee yesterday criticised the failure of government initiatives to halt the rise of homeless families.

The chairman, Robert Shelion, complained about the reliance on expensive, unsafe bed-and-breakfast accommodation to house the homeless and the number of government-owned properties lying empty.
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environment department's permanent secretary, told MPs that the homeless figures were rising. In the first six months of this year 72,830 people were accepted as statutory homeless by local authorities, a rise of 15 per cent on last year. The number of modation rose from 38,000 for the first six months of 1989 to 43,040 for the same period

Mr Sheldon pointed out that the costs of housing the homeless in bed-and-breakfast places rose from £22 million in 1984-5 to £142 million in 1987-8. The average cost of housing people in such accommodation had risen by 245 per cent between 1983 and 1987.

Mr Sheldon also criticised Sir Terence for putting the blame on local authorities. He said that 35,100 empty properties were owned by government departments, a rate of 18.1 per cent, compared to a local authority rate of 2.4 per

Study leads to Salvation Army rethink

December, London's West End shop doorways are home to youths who sit dejected, bundled in blankets with the packaging from their fast food suppers tossed

carelessly at their feet. Along the road, one of the Salvation Army's oldest hostels for the homeless has empty beds in the dormitory, as it does on

every night of the year. The situation is so puzzling that the charity commissioned a twoyear study from Surrey university to discover how to spend the funds it has been putting aside for a new

initiative. The results have been a The Salvation Army has de cided not to publish the findings until it has decided how to respond, which is expected to take King, a charity spokesman, said: "What we are presented with has forced us, after 100 years in the night shelter business, to completely rethink our philosophy."

The report claims that there are around 2,000 people sleeping rough in London, 30,000 in 18,000 in hostels and 25,000 in bed and breakfast accommodation. It also suggests that the need is not so much for night shelters but for greater efforts to assist people to return to independent living.

"People want different things There are lots of people who streets drunk than sober in a warm bed," Mr King said.

The dilemma facing the charity

Association, which caters for 500 some experience of institutions. homeless people on 30 sites offering employment training and psychiatric rehabilition to encourage people to stand on their

Mick Carroll, a member of the association, says that the problem stems from the different catagories making up the homeless population. The young tend to live in the Strand and Covent Garden, with a more sophisticated group living in the violence of cardboard city near Waterloo station. Around north London and Lincoln's Inn Fields are the older group of ex-

pyschiatric patients who make up half of the capital's homeless population. Of the younger group third have been in care immediately prior to living on the street and 40 per cent have had Their wish is often for a big house and a new BMW and, having become detached from norma they cannot see that their expectations are Indicrous. Mr Carroll said: "They live on

the Strand and all they see is wealth on parade and cannot see the intermediate stage before they can be popping into the Savoy

The first step to altering their outlook is going into a hostel where they come into contact for the first time with people who work. "That is when they start to see that people have to do overtime to pay their mortgages. They really are out of touch with reality and are difficult people to interest in anything positive which requires effort," Mr Carroll added.



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Move by Gorbachev designed to counter flagging KGB morale

gered Soviet radicals but left and their troops were ready to counter opposition to Soviet entirely appropriate to the role of the KGB; unwelcome, but

law enforcement establishment in as many weeks, and

shal Dmitri Yazov, stated that mands, by special decree in the army had the right to fire on civilians who attacked to take over power stations and food distribution. The new interior minister, Boris Pugo, conveyed his message of iron discipline and social

All three claimed to have been authorised to speak by the president and none implied any threat to the present Soviet leadership.

told parliament that if deputies wanted a tougher approach, it was theirs for the to be deployed, however, asking. If President without back-up from the

by Vladimir Kryuchkov, the port of the army high com-head of the KGB, have an-mand, the leadership of the from Eastern Europe, cuts (if many ordinary Russians cold. KGB, however, this does not spending, poor conditions for They regarded Mr Kryuch- necessarily mean that he could returning officers, and the kov's statement that the count on all of them equally or Afghanistan experience have Soviet intelligence services absolutely in a crisis. Each all contributed to this, coupled agency has its own armed troops, which have different rule wherever it was found as functions and different

of the KGB; unwelcome, but unsurprising.

The interior ministry troops are thought to number up to 400,000, including the feared was the third by a leader of the anti-riot squads, the Omon. They were made directly responsible to the president, and so separated from the the most alarming, and so separated from the The defence minister, Mararmy and the KGB com-

While the Omon have the military property and the right reputation for professional ruthlessness, the ordinary interior troops are often conscripts. The use of the interior troops, in preference to the regular army or KGB, in civil disorders has made service in the interior troops highly

This branch may be one of the least reliable forces at Mr divisions in the KGB that Gorbachev's disposal. The Their appearances are said law on states of emergency to have been requested by stipulates, however, that en-President Gorbachev after he forcing an emergency is the task of the interior troops.

Gorbachev seems assured of regular army. Morale in the

THE chilling warnings given the almost unquestioning sup- army, as in the interior troops mand, the leadership of the from Eastern Europe, cuts (if interior ministry, and the only cosmetic) in defence with the feeling until recently that Mr Gorbachev was not paying due attention to the

The president has no guarantee that even the regular army could enforce Soviet rule in the outlying republics.

The KGB troops, who constitute the elite of an elite, are the ones he must increasingly rely on. KGB troops guard Soviet leaders and control especially sensitive military installations, including all nuclear facilities.

The KGB also has branches in the army and the interior ministry, where they are believed to exert tight control. Recently, however, even the

KGB has shown signs of

But there is no evidence of would greatly weaken its effectiveness. The best way of raising KGB morale is prob-ably to widen its remit and give it a freer hand. If Mr Kryuchkov's statement is an indication, that is exactly what



Making an exit: John Gotti, accused of offences under a gaze leaving the FBI's Manhattan offices after his dramatic arrest in Little Italy

Movie moguls upstaged by FBI club raid

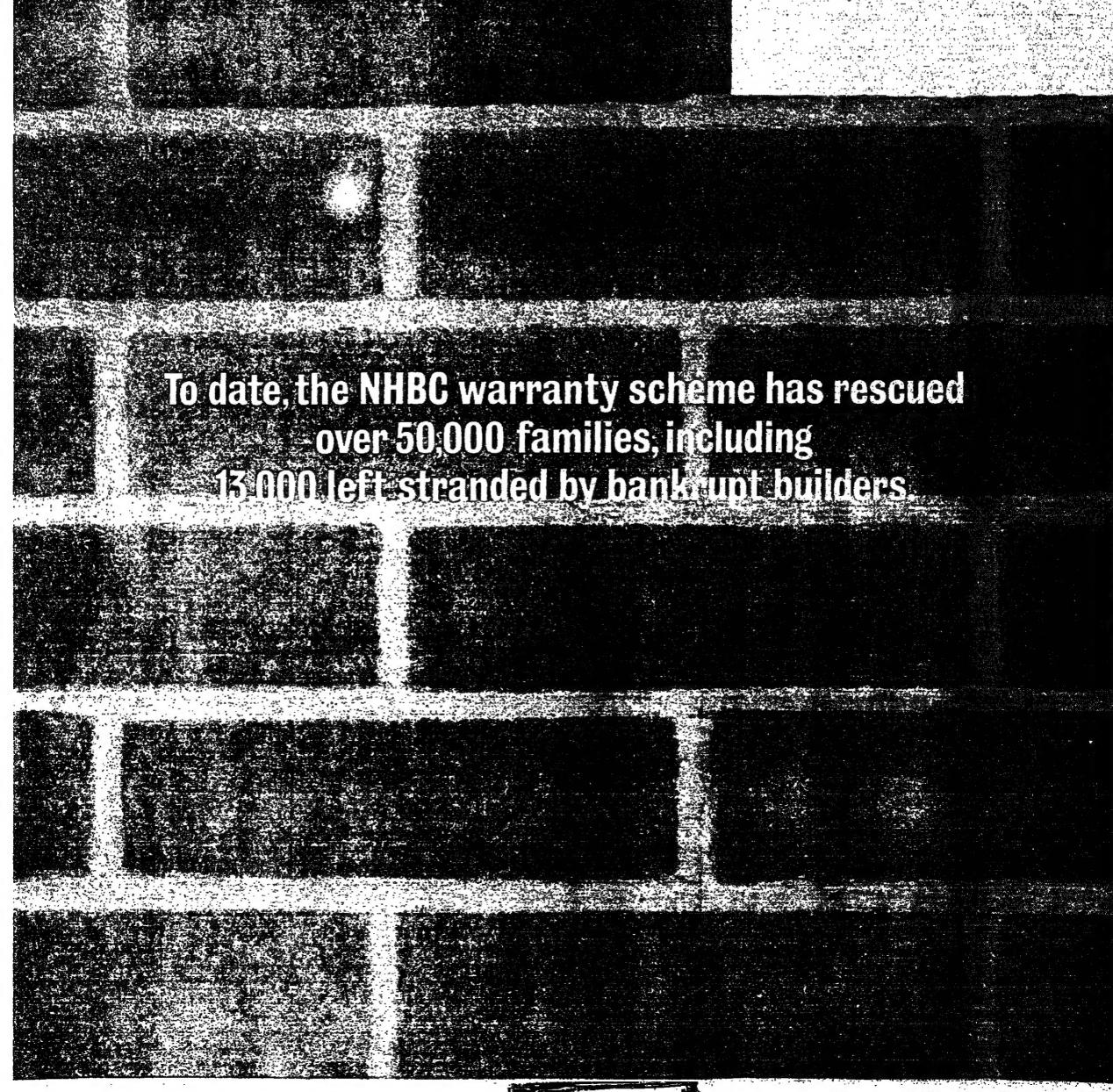
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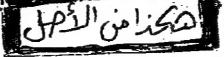
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Beaten Tyminski must remain in Poland for slander investigation

power-broker, making and break-ing governments. "It is not yet the

victory I intended, it is only a

certain stage. We have got rid of the system that lasted 45 years,

now we must start building a new

system. I will try to provide room for everybody so that we can build

Poland together."
Mr Walesa's emphasis is on

healing the rifts he opened up by

pressing for early presidential elections and aiming his campaign

against the government of Mr Mazowiecki. The prime minister

resigned a fortnight ago, but his decision has not yet been accepted

by parliament. He is expected to

be allowed to resign on Thursday

"Mazowiecki has greatly con-tributed to our victory," Mr Walesa said. "As a patriot he will

find a way of serving Poland. We

shall see what sort of place it will

be." Mr Mazowiecki has already

started to form his own party, a

a question about Mr Walesa's

While making no pretence of

welcoming the result, he declared

that "the Polish people have made

their choice, as is their sacred

right". He went on: "We are

neighbours who have always co-

operated . . . and we would like to

hope that this co-operation will

move forward under the new

Helmut Kohl, the German

Chancellor, was much warmer in

congratulating Mr Walesa, and assured him that united Germany

was a good neighbour (Reuter reports from Bonn).

of a movement in Europe that also

brought unity in freedom to the

German people," Herr Kohl said in a message to Mr Walesa,

adding: "Our two people are ...

called upon to contribute to the

creation of a future Europe."

Poland stood at the beginning

victory in his stride.

or Friday this week.

Kremlin cool over

Walesa poll victory

STANISLAW Tyminski, the Polish-Canadian emigré businessman who unsuccessfully contested the presidential election, has been ordered by the prosecutor-general not to leave Poland until defamation charges have been properly

Mr Tyminski repeatedly threatened during the election campaign to reveal damaging facts about the president, Lech Walesa, but never did. He also accused the prime minister, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, of treason. Mr Tyminski yesterday vowed to fight on politically in Poland, "even from a prison cell if

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The official results released yesterday gave Mr Walesa 74.25 per cent of the vote and Mr Tyminski 25.75 per cent. Mr Tyminski confirmed yesterday that he would challenge the result in the supreme court, arguing that his supporters were deliberately intimidated. The appeal, however,

is not given any chance of success.
Turnout was low at 53.4 per cent, but Mr Walesa can still claim the support of about 10.6 million

PRESIDENT Gorbachev yea-terday wished Lech Walesa, a

fellow Nobel Prize winner, good

luck as Polish head of state, using

language that was cordial but

contained no trace of the warmth

or congratulations that might be

expected between leaders of nom-

vincingly the need to develop co-

operation and interaction between

our states and peoples," Mr

Gorbachev said in a telegram,

adding that he hoped for the

development of "friendly and

good-neighbourly relations ... in

the interests of both countries and

the construction of a new

The foreign ministry, mean-

while, did not volunteer any

comment about Poland in its

usual news round-up for the press.

Mr Yuri Gremitskikh, one of its

senior spokesmen, however, took

"History and life prove con-

inally allied countries.

the moderate Christian democrat him to create his special brand of and social democrat strands of presidency - a blend of troubleshooting sheriff, patching up worker unrest, and political Solidarity.

Mr Walesa's goal is to bolster a political centre that will support his concept of reform. That entails a crash course in party pluralism with each Solidarity faction developing its left-wing or right-wing creed. At the same time these parties would retain a Solidarity code, their Solidarity roots and speak a common language. To that end, Mr Walesa has sounded out several candidates for the premierseems to be Jan Olszewski, a political defence lawyer in his sixties.

In 1956 he was associated with the young reform socialists grouped round the weekly Po Prostu, but since then he has veered to the right and is a Roman the church hierarchy. His links with Mr Walesa go back to November 1980, when he helped to register Solidarity as a trade

The key question is whether the finace minister, Leszek Balcerowicz, will be kept on. This is an important signal to the West and the International Monetary Fund which regards highly his plan to shift Poland to a market economy. Mr Walesa says he wants to retain Dr Balcerowicz, but at the same time insists on "corrections" to

This means making life easier for farmers, keeping some food producer and retail subsidies and giving them soft credit lines. Whether Dr Balcerowicz can accept such a fundamental dilution remains to be seen. In the current negotiations he' has become a

Yesterday Adam Michnik, the most vociferous critic of Mr Walesa during the election, swore his loyalty to the new president in a front-page article in the daily Gazeta Wyborcza. Whether this will be loyal support or loyal opposition depends on Mr Walesa's sensitivity towards the Balcerowicz programme.

Mr Walesa is trying to establish continuity with the Mazowiecki government by assembling a cabi-net balanced between Walesa and Mazowiecki lovalists.

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Protests at home mar peace prize award for Gorbachev

SEVERAL dozen demonstrators, denouncing President Gorbachev's tough line on nationalism, protested yesterday against his having been awarded the Nobel

peace prize.
"It is not a prize for peace, it is a prize for someone who wants to preserve an empire," said Mikhail Gorin, deputy chairman of Narodnaya Rada, a nationalist faction in the Ukraine parliament, and one of ten Ukrainians who came to Moscow for the protest.

Mr Gorbachev, who is battling with breakaway republics and a crumbling economy, decided not to attend yesterday's peace prize ceremony in Norway because of the critical situation. Instead be was in the Kremlin at a plenary session of the Communist Party's Central Committee.

The Norwegian organisers awarded the peace prize to the Soviet leader in recognition of his efforts to promote disarmament and to end the Cold War. One of the protest members from Georgia said: "A president who is respon-sible for bloodbaths in Tbilisi, Baku, Yerevan and other cities does not deserve the Nobel peace

Meanwhile, in Oslo vesterday Anatoli Kovalyov, the first deputy foreign minister, accepted the prize, a gold medal, a diploma and peace in 1990, "there are some very grave threats that have not crowns (£366,000), on Mr been eliminated: the potential for

Gorbachev's behalf. He read a message from the Soviet leader, the first Communist head of state to win the prize, which said the opportunity for reason and the logic of peace to prevail over that war and annihilation".

Mr Kovalyov said Mr Gorbachev did not see the award as a



Gorbachev: domestic troubles forced him to stay at home

personal honour, but "as a recognition of what we call perestroika and innovative political thinking, which is of vital significance for

human destinies all over the While the world moved towards

conflict ... aggressive intentions and totalitarian traditions," he added. Gidske Anderson, the head of the Nobel committee, said: The Nobel committee wishes to emphasise the tremendous potential which is now available for a more secure world."

Mrs Anderson said that Mr Gorbachev had won because of his international achievements and this is neither the time nor the place to discuss the Soviet Union's

But she hoped the award "will be recognised as a helping hand in an hour of need, as a greeting to all the peoples of the Soviet Union, as a sign that the outside world is watching their struggle with a sense of fellow feeling, and with a sense of participating in the historic events that are taking

However, Vladimir Bukovsky, the Soviet author and former jailed dissident who has lived in the West for 14 years, said that Western support for Mr Gorb-achev "prolongs the agony of the Communist regime, which is doomed anyway, and the suffering of the Soviet people."

We are convinced this is a mistake," said Juozas Karvelis, a member of the Lithuanian parliament. "Gorbachev's policy in the Baltic republics is doing nothing to strengthen peace

Strike by drivers hits **Bucharest**

From TIM JUDAN IN BUCHAREST

SEVERAL hundred cement mixers, refrigeration lorries, dump trucks and other large vehicles blocked four of Bucharest's main avenues yesterday as Romania's militant drivers' union went on strike, calling for the government to resign and for other workers to join a general strike. Health workers and teachers have also started a "symbolic" strike.

President Iliescu yesterday telephoned Miron Mitrea, the leader of the drivers, and offered to mediate between his union and the government. The offer was accepted and a meeting is due to take place this morning.

The government is clearly worried the drivers' strike will spark industrial and social unrest during this month's emotional first anniversary of the revolution. Many commentators are predicting "something" is about to happen, but no one appears to know what. Widespread dissatisfaction with food queues, poor water supplies, lukewarm heating and inflation means Bucharest is nervous of anything which could provoke demonstra tions in the next few weeks. President Iliescu told Roma-

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Break-up nearer after Milosevic win

ther towards disintegration yesterday, with Slobodan Milosevic's ruling communists apparently on the way to a landslide victory in Serbia's first free elections for more than half a century.

Amid accusations of vote- led the opposition for par- contrast to Mr Milosevic's rigging, the Electoral Com- liament in the five districts, waning popularity. His inmission yesterday morning although in one the socialist creasingly rare public appeargave the final results of voting in five electoral districts. Mr Milosevic was the overwhelming choice for the presidency in all of them and his party, now calling itself socialist although its methods, ideology and command of the economy remain communist - received a clear majority of votes, even in areas where there had been large monarchist and anti-communist

rallies earlier this year. According to early returns, the party has won 80 of 140 seats, Based on the results from the five districts, Caslav Ignjatovic, chairman of the early indications of com-republic's Electoral Com- munist gains on Sunday in mission, estimated that there had been an 80 per cent turnout across the republic. He said the socialists also

The communists have been returned overwhelmingly in Serbia. Richard Bassett and Dessa Trevisan in Belgrade consider the implications

candidate did not win outright and would face a secondround run off. "All I can say is they are leading and leading well," Jova Vukelic, press spokesman for the Democrats,

Alexander Razniztovic, another Democratic Party official, said that Mr Milosevic could even win an outright majority in his first-round bid to retain the republic's powerful presidency.

Centre-right coalitions toppled the communists in Slovenia and Croatia in regional elections earlier this year. The munist gains on Sunday in Serbia and Montenegro, the last states to hold free elections, could increase tensions. The results are in sharp

ances have drawn only a handful of supporters to the streets to hear him.

Nevertheless, the results, in the wake of a campaign of unprecedented intimidation, even by Balkan standards. were not unexpected, although the scale of Mr Milosevic's victory stunned opposition leaders. It is the first time in Eastern Europe that the electorate has voted overwhelmingly to maintain the com-

Opposition leaders cited more than 150 examples of voting irregularities, including unscaled ballot boxes, voters without identity papers and Milosevic supporters voting in the names of people long

since Mr Milosevic became president three years ago. The communist victory also during the months imme has serious implications for ately before the election. As in

Bulgaria and Romania, the Yugoslavia's fragile unity. Mr Milosevic's success can only communists used every posable means to secure victory. encourage the northern repub-Unlike Bulgaria, however, lies of Slovenia and Creatia to move as swiftly as possible to where the army remains apolitical, in Serbia the army sever their links with what they regard as the bolshevik rump of Yugoslavia. Slovenia already intends to hold a threw its weight firmly behind Mr Milosevic clearly also plebicite on its independence benefited from his promises of full employment by maintainlater this month. The result will almost certainly give the republic's government the forms of his opponents, which

envisaged privatisation, would have led rapidly to 2 Mr Milosevic, who opposes the idea of a Yugoslav confedmillion unemployed over and eration, has always refused to negotiate with the Slovenes. above the present 1.5 million He has also rejected the idea of Serbia's economy is one of the weakest in Yugoslavia. Per talks with Croats where, as in capita output is 15 per cent Slovenia, a democratically elected anti-communist govevic had no remedies for the dramatic fall in living stanernment favours divorce from

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Vuk Draskovic, the leader of the largest opposition party, except greater centralisation. This is unlikely to alleviate yesterday decribed the results

De Klerk

party will

play role

in talks

Johannesburg - President de Klerk's National Party has

decided to set up a formal negotiating team, which would ostensibly act indep-endently of the government in

Pretoria, to take part in talks next year on a post-apartheid constitution (Gavin Bell

The move is seen as an attempt to overcome objec-

tions to the government both

negotiating and supervising the transition process. It is

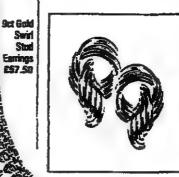
expected that senior ministers,

such as Gerrit Viljoen (consti-

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tutional development), would quit the cabinet to lead the party's team.

The African National Congress has reaffirmed its commitment to conciliation, and the Inkatha Freedom Party, the powerful Zulu organisation, has formally entered the process. The Pan Africanist Congress is refusing the neoristics.

to join the negotiations. The effect is to bring the principal parties closer to the negotiating table and to strengthen their resolve to curb political violence.

President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela, the ANC private talks they had made significant progress towards ending strife in the townships.

Chinese plenum

Peking — Despite indications that China's Communist Party cannot agree even on basic economic policy, Li Peng, the prime minister, said yesterday that the Central Committee would hold a plenary session late this month which would concentrate on economic planning. The plenum was originally scheduled for October, but has been repeatedly delayed by rows about the economic road ahead.

Petrol protest

Manila - The government has reduced the newly-increased price of petrol as strikers across the Philippines demanded that President Aquino resign. Mrs Aquino had said that there was no choice but to pay more because of increases in world crude prices since iraq invaded Kuwait. But the protesters said the price reduction was insufficient. (AP)

Fighter deal Keala Lumper - Malaysia has signed a contract to buy 28 Hawk fighter aircraft - ten Hawk 100s and 18 Hawk 200s worth about £400 million. British Acrospace, the manufacturer, is to set up a regional service centre for the aircraft with the Malaysian aircraft service company. For this, £80 million has been carmarked, spread over 20 years.

Tamil rebel shot

Celombo - Government troops shot and killed a Tamil rebel leader while he was leading an attack on the Kaduvan army camp in the Jaffna peninsula, military officials said yesterday. Another Tamil rebel, two government soldiers and five Sinhalese extremists belonging to the People's Liberation Front were killed in separate operations elsewhere in the country as well (AP)

Down to earth

Cape Canaveral - The space shuttle Columbia was heading for a landing in California a day earlier than planned after Nasa shortened its problemplagued astronomy mission because of bad weather. The mission was rescheduled as rain and gusty winds today were deemed unsafe for a landing. The latest in a spate of problems encountered by the crew was a clogged

Havel seeks extra powers to preserve single state

From Peter Green in prague

Czechoslovakia said yesterday and "very probabaly the end he would ask parliament to of democracy" for Czechs and grant him vast new powers in an effort to head off a constitutional conflict which he said could threaten his country's fools," Mr Havel added. He existence and plunge it into cited a recent public opinion economic and political chaos.

In an emergency speech to the federal assembly, which was televised nationwide, Mr Havel said that threats by political leaders in Slovakia to declare primacy of their laws over those of the federal parliament would lead to legislative chaos and the dissolu-

tion of the state. Our young democracy and the existence of our state itself are endangered," Mr Havel said. "I am very sorry I had to go this far. I am doing this to fulfil the expectations of millions of citizens who ... entrusted this position to me

our federation. "Our state is not this time threatened from the outside, as so many times in the past, but from the inside. We are threatening it ourselves with our low political culture, lack of democratic consciousness and mutual understanding ... our lack of experience and

personal bad qualities." Mr Havel singled out Vladimir Meciar, prime minister of the Slovak republic, for criticism. Mr Meciar has threatened to declare Slovak laws supreme over federal laws if Prague modified a previous agreement on sharing power among the federal and republie governments that gives economic and administrative powers to the republics.

The Czech and Slovak parliaments differ on control of oil and gas pipelines, taxation and budget questions, postal services, policy toward ethnic minorities, and chairmanship of the national bank. The new law keeps foreign policy, defence and general economic and monetary policy under federal control.

Mr Havel said a declaration of Slovak sovereignty was clearly unconstitutional, and told the country that whatever decision parliament makes is legally binding "on all institutions and all people". Otherwise, "the thin ice of our constitution will be broken and our state would inevitably fall into legal chaos".

He said if that happened he would then have to declare laws made by the Slovak parliament as unconstitutional and this would lead to the dissolution Czechoslovakia.

"We would be the first disintegrated or perhaps terminated state in post-world war two Europe," Mr Havel said. The consequence would be total economic collapse



political issue to be put to the voters in a referendum. But Mr Havel said that until partiament adopted a new democratic constitution, he would have to assume greater He did not specify what

powers he wanted but said that they would be included in a bill to be presented to parliament, and he urged that it be considered immediately.

"I believe strongly you know me well enough that you need not suspect I desire to increase my own power. I am doing this to fulfil the hopes of millions of people who elected me in this country, who think that I will help to save our federative state," he said.

Defending his call greater powers, Mr Havel did not rule out calling in the army if there was no other way to save the union.



Star striker: Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, kicking a football at half-time during a match between Bayera Munich and the Soviet Union in Munich to raise money for Soviet food aid

Paris Bastille opera house faces threat of revolution

LESS than 18 months after the inauguration of the Bastille Opera House to the strains of the Marseillaise, Michel Rocard, the prime minister, was quoted yesterday as threatening to close the troubled institution unless its management makes revolutionary reforms.

President Mitterrand decided in 1982 to build the new Paris opera house at a cost of two billion francs (£200 million) to make the arts more accessible. But a series of setbacks has plagued the circular, 10-storey complex since it was opened by 10 of the world's best opera singers on the eve of the bicentennial Bastille Day celebrations. In the latest hitch, the his record. "One speaks badly

management late last month

From John Phillips in Paris anding a pay increase.

The weekly news magazine Le Point said yesterday: "Rocard coufided recently that he does not exclude the pure and simple closing of the intervene rapidly." The report described Pierre Berge, the 60-year-old opera president and founder of the Yves St Laurent fashion empire, as "en panne" (broken down). "The president of the opera of Paris is not emerging from difficulties of all sorts that prevent the normal functioning of the Opéra-Bastille," Le Point said. M Bergé yesterday defended

of these poor operas of Paris," was forced to cancel perfor- he told the magazine Expression. "I admit it, but on condition one talks also about the others - that one not pass over in silence the threemonth closure of the Metro-politan (in New York) because of strikes, the total discomfiture of Covent Garden. One builds an opera in several years and I have the time. Whether they like it or not, everybody will be obliged to wait. That is the way it is."

The stoppage by the musicians is the latest in a series of snags. Even before the inauguration of the Bastille Opera, M Bergé sacked, in January 1989, Daniel Barenboim, the Israeli artistic and musical director of the Opera-Bastille, after he refused to take a cut in salary.

mances of the opera Otello Korean director, Myung because of a week-loog strike Whun Chung, M Bergé, a by orchestra musicians demfervent campaigner for Presi-dent Mitterrand who often in criticised by French conservatives for being a member of what they call the "caviare left", also has had trouble with the lil-year-old Palais Bastille, if a solution does not Garnier Paris opera house, where he replaced Rudolf Nureyev with Patrick Dupond to oversee the artistic direction of ballet performances.

As well as serving as the unpaid director of the Palais Garnier and the Bastille Opera, M Bergé is in charge of the Opera Comique. In 1977 he bought the Theatre de l'Athènée in Paris and staged concerts featuring prestigious singers, such as Plácido Domingo and Jessye Norman, before selling it to the government for a symbolic one franc



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Defence chief admits fears of 'substantial' Gulf casualties

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDEN

THE government's most senior will be required to force the Iraqis military adviser yesterday admitted he feared there could be "substantial" casualties if war were to break out with Iraq. Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir David Craig, chief of the defence staff, also rejected the view that such a war could be quick and

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Sir David's remarks during a speech to senior officers of the Voroshilov Military Academy in Moscow appeared to support the warning given by Brigadier Patrick Cordingley, commander of the 7th Armoured Brigade, or "Desert Rats", in Saudi Arabia at the end of last month. Brigadier Cordingley was criticised for speaking out about the possibility of a "particularly unpleasant war" and of his personal fear that there could be "a lot of casualties".

Sir David said: "My government has to contemplate the employment of British forces to help compel the Iraqi army to leave Kuwait, if it becomes clear that sanctions cannot achieve that goal." He added: "I am under no illusions that the use of force would be easy and quick, nor can I discount the likelihood of substantial casualties."

His remarks are in line with the latest thinking in the Pentagon. American officials now envisage a war lasting several months, not days, as first predicted. United States military commanders also believe that a full land-air battle

France **bolsters** its forces

From JOHN PHILLIPS IN PARIS

FRANCE said yesterday it was increasing its contingent in Saudi Arabia by at least 1,000 men before January 15 to bolster its artillery firepower and to provide extra tank and air power.

"A decision of principle at the highest level has been taken concerning reinforcements that had been requested for a long time to assure the maximum security of our forces," Jean-Pierre Chevenement, the defence minister. told a press conference after a ministerial meeting of the Western European Union.

Full details of the reinforcement would be publicised after the French chief of staff had studied the logistics, M Chevenement

But defence ministry sources said about 1,000 artillery gunners would be sent to Saudi Arabia armed with between 18 and 24 155mm field pieces. Also to be sent are AMX 30 heavy tanks to bolster the lightly armoured French force of 6,250 men in place in Saudi Arabia, as well as some additional combat aircraft, the sources said.

France already has 24 was planes including Mirage F1 reconnaisance aircraft, Mirage 2000 bombers and Jaguar fighters in the Gulf. One of the Mirage F is crashed during a training flight on Friday, killing the pilot.

Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, restated yes-terday that no compromise was possible with Iraq before a complete retreat of Iraqi forces from



Sir David, the most senior British chief of staff to visit the Soviet Union since the second world war, made it clear he had not ruled out a war, in spite of the recent diplomatic moves which have led to new hopes of a peaceful settlement, saying: "Unpalatable though it may be, armed force may still be required to contain and defeat a dictator who thinks that war, invasion and the taking of hostages are legitimate tools of national policy."

Sir David said it was up to political leaders to decide on the use of force, but added: "It is clear that to allow Saddam Hussein to profit by his illegal act would be a major setback for the international community at the very moment when, in ending the Cold War, we have achieved so much in improving security in Europe."

Although Soviet forces are not among the multinational build-up of troops in Saudi Arabia, Sir David praised the support the Soviet Union had given the United Nations for introducing effective sanctions. "No longer can an aggressor count on Eastgonism to prevent concerted UN action," he said.

Sir David issued a warning against "any weakening of re-solve" on the part of the international community, which would undermine the prospects for the UN taking a prominent role in maintaining global security.

• DHAHRAN; Two more US

soldiers were killed in weekend accidents in Saudi Arabia, raising to 53 the number of Americans who have died in Operation Desert Shield, the army said yesterday (Reuter reports).

One soldier died on Sunday when the articulated lorry he was driving overturned and the other died in a separate incident, also on Sunday. Britain, France and Spain have each lost one soldier due to accidents in the multinational build-up since August.



UN likely to compromise on Middle East peace proposal

From James Bone in New York

A POSSIBLE compromise on a would probably involve an American veto, which would damage Washington's alliance with Arab controversial United Nations resolution on the Israeli-occupied nations against Iraq, it found territories was emerging yesterday, just hours before the Security Council was due to vote. Diplomats from the United some support among council

States, Yemen, this month's council president, and Finland, a neutral party in the talks, were discussing removing any reference to an international peace conference from the main resolution to be voted on - thus allowing the United States to support it.

The provision endorsing the convening of an international conference would be re-submitted as a separate resolution which the US was expected to veto. However, it is possible that the Americans may not have to use their veto in the second vote on the provision because its appearance of linkage with the Gulf conflict could persuade enough countries not to support it.

American officials have said that, although the provision on the international conference uses the precise wording of official US policy, Washington is reluctant to vote for it in a security council resolution lest it be perceived as a concession to Iraq, which has demanded linkage between the Hostages home, page 1 More Gulf refugees, page 14 Palestinian issue and Kuwait. Although the compromise

question.

The proposal would allow passage of the main provisions of a draft resolution intended to protent Palestinians in the wake of the killings in Jerusalem's Temple Mount in October. That would allow America's Arab allies against Iraq to claim that Washington was not hostile to the

Those provisions include preparations for a meeting of the signatories of the Fourth Geneva Convention to force Israel to comply with the rights it bestows on civilians under occupation, and the monitoring of the occupied territories by the UN.

The moves towards a compromise on the UN resolution came as President Bush prepares to meet Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister of Israel, for talks today. The meeting, the first such encounter in 10 months, is being held against a background of rising Israeli anxiety that the US will reach a compromise with Iraq will leave President Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi military infrastructure intact.

Saddam will succeed in linking Kuwait with the Palestinian

In Israel, David Levy, the foreign minister, demanded assurances from the US that it intended to destroy President Saddam's military capability and indicated that Israel would drop its current "low profile" if no such assurances were forthcoming. Mr Levy told a Knesset committee that the US presence in the Gulf had increased the danger to Israel.

The present calls for an international peace conference on the Middle East date from a UN conference on the question of Palestine in Geneva in 1983, which was boycotted by Israel and the United States.

The Geneva declaration issued at the meeting laid down six guidelines for a peace settlement — in-cluding an Israeli withdrawal from the territories it occupied in 1967, including east Jerusalem, and the creation of an independent Palestinian state.

To achieve these goals, the conference called for an international peace conference under the auspices of the UN with the participation of all parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation

Kuwait vows it will never agree to any border compromise

By Michael Knipe, diplomatic correspondent

KUWAIT'S government-in-exile said yesterday that it would not agree to any adjustments of its borders, as speculation mounted of a possible compromise

The Kuwaiti foreign minister dismissed as totally untrue reports that Saudi Arabia and the exiled government of Kuwait had been holding secret contacts with Iraq through third parties in order to settle the border dispute between Iraq and Kuwait.

The reports suggested that Ku-wait might offer to give Iraq full control of the Rumaila oilfield, which extends across the Iraqi border into Kuwait, and grant Baghdad leases on Warba and Bubiyan, two islands in the Gulf long desired by President Saddam Hussein.

Before the Iraqi invasion, Rumaila was yielding 10,000 barrels a day - 0.5 per cent of its total production of two million, Iraq claims Kuwait was stealing oil worth \$2.4 billion from its section of the oilfield by using slantdrilling technology.

Warba and Bubiyan are marshy mudilets at the uppermost porthwest corner of the Gulf. Their only inhabitants are migrating birds, save for a modest police outpost on Bubiyan. But, as they block direct access to the Gulf from the Iraqi port or Umm Qasr, they for Baghdad.

This has been increased by President Saddam Hussein's decision to cede to Iran his claim to the Shatt al-Arab waterway which lies a few miles to the northeast and is lrag's only other possible route to the Gulf.

Warba, the northernmost island, is only about seven miles by two miles in size. Bubiyan is about 18 miles wide and boasts a causway linking it to the Kuwaiti mainland. This was built by the Kuwaitis about five years ago to strengthen their links to the island, given Iraq's undisguised interest in acquiring it, which increased during the Iran-Iraq war in spite of the financial backing it received from Kuwant.

Kuwaiti exile sources in London said there could be no question of using either the oilfield or the islands as bargaining chips. However, they did not dismiss the ossibility of allowing an independent body such as the World Court to rule on the issue. They said that before the invasion the Kuwaiti government had said it would have nothing to fear from such an assessment, as Iraq's claim was

Iraq, which has annexed Kuwait and proclaimed it its 19th province, also made clear vesterday that its claim to the territory was not open to resotiation.

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti exiles have said they regard President Saddam's decision to release foreign hostages as a direct result of the resolution warning that "all nec-essary means" will be taken to bring about fraq's withdrawal from Kuwait.

Invaders' reign of terror goes on

disturbing picture of a continuing wave of terror Deing imposed by triggerhappy Iraqi soldiers inside occupied Kuwait was provided yesterday by a leading Western doctor who left the emirate three weeks ago.

Until he moved to Baghdad last month, Doctor Gisli Sigurdsson, the only Icelandic hostage, was head of the intensive care unit in Kuwait's Mubarak al-Kabir, the main civilian hospital. "Every day of the week oung people were being bought in with gunshot wounds, usually in the chest," he said. "Shooting was the common punishment used even for minor crimes. Often it was carried out on the spot without any further attempt at interrogation or trial."

The doctor, who arrived in Amman on an Iraqi Airways jet, said that until he had gained his freedom he had been unable to speak freely about what was happening in Kuwait although he had met Western journalists during three weeks in Baghdad under Swedish diplomatic protection. "The soldiers were very nervous and every day we had cases of serious gunshot wounds," he said.

For instance, one Kuwaiti had been standing two hours in a bread queue when an Iraqi soldier pushed in front of him. The Kuwaiti asked why the soldier did not use the separate military bread line, which anyway was much quicker. At that point he was dragged out of the queue and shot through the chest and abdomen. Another minor crime for which the penalty was summary shooting was changing money illegally. People caught would be shot there and then on the street.

were dying in Kuwaiti hospitals because the invasion had driven away staff. But he also disclosed that reports of deliberate maltreatment of hospital patients by occupying soldiers had been exaggerated for propaganda reasons.

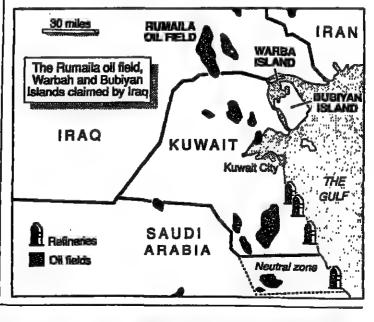
"That news was not true," he said of widely circulated accounts that Iraqi troops had removed premature bebies from incubators and left them to die while they took equipment to Baghdad. "In fact they did not take equipment from hospitals other than military hospitals and clinics," he added. "However, lots of babies died because of lack of staff."

octor Sigurdsson claimed that the object of Iraqi policy in Kuwait appeared to be to drive out as many The doctor said many babies Kuwaitis and Palestinians as

possible and to remove as much material as could be taken to "I repeatedly saw things in Baghdad shop windows on which they had not even bothered to remove the price tag in Kuwaiti currency," he said. He said that senior members

of the Iraqi medical profession had arrived at his teaching hospital to ransack its renowned library. "It was very disturbing to see colleagues come and just sack the building, taking every-thing away to Baghdad," he said. According to another witness, Abdullah al-Shayeji of Kuwait

University, who escaped two weeks ago, property taken away by the Iraqis included computers, telephone booths and paving stones, as well as desks, chairs and books from schools. They had also emptied warehouses, burnt offices and made off with the furniture and cars of fleeing



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From James Brooke in bogotá

COLOMBIAN voters made a former guerrilla group the largest force in the nation's constitutional convention, while soldiers de-stroyed the mountain head-quarters of the nation's biggest active guerrilla group.

Spurning traditional political parties, the voters on Sunday gave 30 per cent of their ballots to the M-19, a group that laid down its arms in March.

Carrying out a different policy towards active guerrillas, the same day 500 soldiers overran Casa Verde, the command centre of the Colombian Revolutionary Armed Forces (Farc). Forty-six aircraft dropped 10 tonnes of bombs on the base during the operation, killing 60 guernillas and leaving seven soldiers dead, the ministry of defence said.

The bombing and occupation of the headquarters of the 7,000strong group seemed to represent a new hardline policy toward Colombia's two remaining guer-rilla groups, the Revolutionary Armed Forces and the National Liberation Army.

Three small groups that heeded a government call to start disarming by Sunday's election are to be rewarded with two seats in the constitutional convention.

Sunday's vote will bring toether in the same convention hall in February a former kidnapping victim and his captor. In the balloting, with 39 per cent of the vote counted, M-19, led by Antonio Navarro, was winning 35 per cent of the vote in the race for 70 elected seats. In second place with 26 per cent of the vote was a sixmonth-old right-wing group, the National Salvation Movement. The movement's leader, Alvaro Gómez, spent 50 days as a hostage of the M-19 guerrillas in 1988.

Although abstention was high about 75 per cent in this city - the vote marked a remarkable turnaround in the fortunes of the M-19 group. By the time the 16-year-old group had laid down its arms in March, its ranks had dwindled to 881 guerrillas.

In congressional elections in March, the M-19 won one seat. In presidential elections in May, Senor Navarro won 700,000 votes, or 12.5 per cent of the vote. On Sunday the M-19 is believed to have received slightly more than one million votes.

The strong showing of M-19 and of the National Salvation Move-ment marked a breakdown in the 150-year dominance of Colombian politics by the Liberal and Conservative parties. With results incomplete, the Liberals, the party of President César Gaviria, were trailing in third place. The Conservalives are coming a distant fourth.

"The rading class has lost con-trol of the political process," said Diego Montana, a veteran leftist who supports the M-19 coalition.

The results seem to illustrate a new phenomenon in Latin American politics: the overnight popularity of little-known politicians. Last year Brazilians elected as president Fernando Collor de Mello, who had been governor of one of Brazil's smallest and poorest states. Last June, Peruvians elected Alberto Fujimori, a virtually unknown agronomist, as president

The convention is scheduled to meet between February and July and is to have unrestricted powers to rewrite Colombia's 1886

The M-19 delegates will repre-sent a break with the conservative mould of Colombian politicians. The M-19 delegation will include the coach of the national football team, the former director of the National Agrarian Reform Agency, three human rights lawyers, three marxist trade unionists,

and nine former guerrillas. Despite the strong left-wing signt to the delegation, Señor Navarro, a 41-year-old engineer, has advocated a centro-left-line on economic issues.

He has called for anti-trust legislation to break up Colombia's industrial monopolies, for pri-vatising many state enterprises by selling shares to employees, and for promoting free trade with

(New York Times)



Victims of violence: Indian women weep outside the remains of their home in Aligargh in northern Uttar Pradesh, which was destroyed in the organize Hindu-Muslim clashes which have killed more than 100 people in four days. In Aligarh alone the death toll rose to 40, officials said.

They reported bomb biasts and some sniping. Large quantities of lilegal arms and bome-made bombs were also found. A

hospital. Officials described the report as "totally baseless". The town has a large Muslim population and, as is other areas, policeman was quoted as saying the city had been turned into as arsenal. The fresh violence came after a local newspaper reported that patients had been killed in it with a temple to their god, Lord Rama. the clashes result from a continuing campaign by Hindu militants to tear down a mosque in the town of Ayodhya and replace

Fairfax press empire ends in disaster

AUSTRALIA'S oldest newspaper tradition, that of the once noble Fairfax group, ended yesterday in receivership.

After its papers hit the streets for 149 years, the group's demise at the hands of Warwick Fairfax, the family's reclusive young heir, is making as good a story as any it has printed in that time. The story also leaves Australia's more contemporary media disasters -those of Alan Bond, Christopher Skase and others - looking merely pale by comparison.

The migrant family from Warwickshire which acquired the Syd-ney Herald in 1841 (it became today's Sydney Morning Herald a year later), Melbourne's The Age in 1854, and later the influential Financial Review, was yesterday forced to submit to banks and unk bond-holders who are owed SAus 1.5 billion (about £500 million).

However, if "Young Wocks" Fairfax, 29, as the born-again Christian heir is known, had listened to any of his many adviscrs, who included William Simon, the former American trea-

sury secretary, the group's story might have had a different ending "Wocka's Folly" began three years ago when, as a 26-year-old graduate of the Harvard Business School, he returned to save the Fairfax group from a host of perceived enemies he and his mother, Dame Mary Fairfax, saw

as a threat to the group.

He was driven by Lady Fairfax,
a vivacious socialite with a misnion of regaining personal control of the newspaper group, and followed what proved to be bad advice, borrowing heavily to finance the overpriced buy-out of SANS 2.2 billion. His advisers included I suris Council a field included Laurie Connell, a failed merchant banker now facing charges in Western Australia.

Rarely seen in public or by his staff, Mr Fairfax presided at a distance over continuing wrangles distance over continu within the family and the boardroom, and over a procession of

The group's titles, which assumed the mantle of liberal quality journalism in Australia, have lost much of their authority as a result. As things turned out, Wocka Fairfax did not know the first thing about newspapers or the

art of communication.
"He's impenetrable," Vic Carroll, the former editor-in-chief of the Sydney Morning Herald, who has written a book entitled War wick Fairfax's Folly, told the ABC news programme. "He's never spoken very much. He's a man of strong convictions and strong religious convictions." Mr Fairfax and his mother have

lost their entire stake in the enterprise. The banks, led by the Australia and New Zealand Group, would like to keep the prestigious titles together, but these are up for grabs, in the same way as Australia's broken ommercial television stations.
Some of Australia's leading

executives and advisers, many of writers, including Thomas Ken-whom resigned in exasperation. early, and journalists and politicians have launched a campaign to prevent Rupert Murdoch, whom they cite as having the highest concentration of media ownership in the Western world, from acquiring any part of the group and thereby increasing his 70 per cent ownership of Austra-ia's newspapers. Mr Kencally blamed the Labor government of Bob Hawke, the prime minister, for selling out the country's media to Mr Murdoch and Kerry Packer, and said any further concentration of media ownership would be "a

threat to democracy". Australia has lost seven newspaper titles in the last three years alone. But the government has objected to foreign ownership of the Australian press and rejected approaches by Robert Maxwell to buy The Age and other titles during that time. However, if a wealthy investor is not found, the main Fairfax titles and their staff face an uncertain future.

Demands for Ershad to be tried or exiled

From Christopher Thomas IN DHAKA

AMID deepening political un-certainty in Bangladesh, opposition leaders yesterday demanded that Hussein Mohammad Ershad, the former president ousted a week ago, face trial or be sent into permanent exile abroad.

The former general's future has emerged as a potentially explosive issue as Bangladesh moves unsteadily towards parliamentary elections due early next year. He spent his seventh consecutive day sheltering behind the heavily guarded walls of a cantonment in central Dhaka yesterday. His appearance in public would unleash mass demonstrations. Even the army seems embarrassed by him. The big Ershad army stadium no longer bears his name - a small but stinging snub to the man who dominated Bangladesh for nearly nine years after seizing power in a bloodless coup.

There is incredulity that be intends to contest the election, which is likely to be called in late February unless the military intervenes. He could not possibly conduct a normal campaign in such a hostile atmosphere.

So far the army shows no inclination to impose martial law unless the campaign turns excessively violent. Sheikh Fazhul Karim Selim, editor of the mass-circulation daily, Banglar Banl, said he believed the military wanted to confine itself to a policing role. He said that, regardless of who won, the military would still influence the civil administration, the police and foreign service because so many of its appointees occupied senior positions. Sheikha Hasina Wazed, leader

of the opposition Awami League, regarded as the likely victor if the election is not rigged, said yes-terday: Ershad should be tried. He ruined the economy. His corrupt government tortured and killed our people." She said her party would settle for his exile.

In a pruning of the administra-tion, the acting president, Shaha-buddin Ahmed, has dissolved powerful district councils and sacked city mayors appointed by Mr Embed

Western aid organisations reopened their offices, textile fac-tories, which produce the country's main export, resumed work, and banks reopened yesterday.



them differently.

Under Mrs Thatcher the unit

was seen by its critics as an

instrument of presidentialism. In

fact foreign visitors are always

anazed that the head of the

British government has a personal

advisory staff of fewer than 20. By

contrast, any minister coming to a

meeting at Downing Street will have been fully briefed by the

officials of a large department. Even a prime minister with as

relaxed and collegiate a style as

John Major therefore needs an effective policy unit. What particular tasks should the unit

under Sarah Hogg, its new head,

For a start, departments will

want to reopen the most contro-versial decisions of the Thatcher

years, principally the community

charge. But there will be others.

New ministers and a new prime minister will want to see where the

shoe of government policy is pinching bardest and to do

something about it. But political prudence dictates that there have to be limits. The last thing John Major needs is for every interest

group to believe that if only it kicks up a big enough fuss it can change the policies inherited from

can sift through these objections to government policy. Are they im-portant messages from the real

native obstructionism? Ministers

who are always convinced by

Whitehall objections end up doing

nothing. Those who always ignore

them end up in terrible scrapes.

Outsiders do not often appreciate

the skill of the ministers who get

those judgments right. The Policy Unit can provide the prime min-ister with pertinent questions and

advice so he can properly test the

The unit should look not just at

judgments of his new mitristers.

the merits of moving away from existing policies. It might also see

if Mr Major should encourage

ministers to look again at ideas

that, under Mrs Thatcher, were

ruled out. Road pricing, for exam-ple, has been backed by a range of

experts from Sir Alan Waiters to

the left-wing Institute for Public

Policy Research: perhaps it is an idea whose time is now coming.

raise those issues that would not

otherwise get proper ministerial attention because they fall between

different departments. This pro-

vides fertile ground for practical

and politically attractive initiatives

by Mr Major. Take, for example,

the rundows, of the defence estate

as the peace: dividend is cashed in.

In some parts of the country the future of these sites is of enormous

local concern. Using them wisely

have always been sorry for Elbert Hubbard. I have been

sorry for Elbert Hubbard

heard of him, and that is neither

his fault nor yours. It is the fault

of Ralph Waldo Emerson, of

whom you have all heard; and

one of the reasons you have all

heard of him is that, were you to

be asked for the first quotation

that came to mind when Emer-

son's name was bandied about,

you would in all probability cry:
"If a man make a better mouse-

trap, though he build his house

in the woods, the world will

make a beaten path to his door."

most memorable thing Emer-

son ever said, it was the most

memorable thing Elbert Hub-

bard ever said; though let me

quickly add - lest you begin

chucking your Collected Works

of Emerson in the bin and

banning all mention of his

name at your dinner-table -

that Emerson's fault in this

unhappy affair was not pla-

giarism, merely fame. The two

villains properly to blame are

For it was jobbing journalist

Mrs Yule who credited the

apothegm to Emerson, believ-

ing the great man to have delivered it during a public

lecture, when that lecture had in

fact been delivered by Elbert

Hubbard, an ungreat man from

Bloomington, Illinois. But since

Emerson was dead, Hubbard

was florced to spend the rest of

his life attempting to prove that

the words were his; something

he might very well have

achieved had he not made the

fundamental mistake of buying

All of which poignant saga

suddenly came back to me in

the Waitrose checkout queue on

Monday. Thither I had trol-

leyed, among other victuals, a

stringbagful of Californian wal-

nuts, and as I detrolleyed this on

to the counter, something shiny

slid through an interstice and

fell to the floor. When I picked

it up, I found it to be a

triangular piece of metal with

a ticket for the Lusitania.

Mrs Sarah Yule and the com-

mander of Unterseeboot 20.

This, however, was not the

very few of you have

Another job for the unit is to

Mrs Thatcher's government. Here the policy unit can help. It

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"it's a wainut opener," she replied. "It's a free gift. You poke the sharp bit in the end of

David Willetts rery prime minister since 1974 has had a Number Ten Policy Unit, though different prime ministers have used Defence, the Department of the Environment and the county councils to work together, to avoid

The voice at

Major's ear

haphazard disposals.

Another initiative could be in policy towards elderly people. Too often they are thought of as a burden when actually they do far more charity work and child-minding than the rest of the population. They need much more political recognition (after all, 40 per cent of people who vote are aged over 55). The past decade has seen a steady reduction in the number of 60-year-olds in work, yet we are told there is a demographic crisis in the jobs market. A judgment by the European Court seems to require British employers to make pension ages for men and women the same. But to lower the nzale pension age, it is i, could cost employers up to £40 billion, as well as further cutting paid work for old people. This is exactly the sort of issue

where the policy unit can help. The unit can also counteract one of the greatest weaknesses of Whitehalf (and indeed Westminster's - the high status given to formulating new policies and the low status given to implementing existing policies. After a white paper is published or legislation is passed, everyone's interest moves on to the next new subject, and relatively junior people are often left to do the real job of ensuring that the policy works in practice. The next Conservative manifesto cannot just set out new ideas for future policies but must also show how existing policies are working.

As a practical man, Mr Major will be interested in what works and what does not. Why have millions more people opted out of the state earnings related pension scheme than anyone dared hope while so few council tenants have opted for independent manage ment of their housing estates? Why has freeing polytechnics from local authority control gone so smoothly while grant-main-tained schools have been much more controversial? Finally, the unit can help the prime minister by keeping him supplied with that most precious commodity - vivid, accurate information. Too many Whitehall papers are long on arguments and short on facts.

And if they do have facts they are like the details in a surrealist painting - accurate but oddly removed from reality. Every member of the unit should spend at least one day a week outside Whitehall, ideally outside London, visiting hospitals, factories schools. A short note to the prime minister on what they are actually saying in a hospital in Basingstoke or a training scheme in Hands-worth could be the unit's most valuable service of all.

The author, director of studies at the Centre for Policy Studies, is a Conservative prospective parli-

the shell, and after you've

opened it, you sort of dig the nut

As she began clocking up

items, I began gathering wool:

6,000 miles away, in Pasadena,

perhaps, or Malibu or some

such resonant spot, grown men

had, one morning, parked their

company convertibles before

the towering smoked-glass flanks of the Walnut Building,

strolled through automatic

doors into the air-cooled atrium

with its fabled display of dwarf

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50 floors up to the Marketing

Penthouse, there to foregather

around a single piece of

magnificent hand-hewn trunk.

loosen their ties, decant their

Perrier, and discuss the way

What were the options? Build

forward for the walnut industry

Walnutland on a thousand acres

of prime Pacific foreshore - its

magic rides in giant shells, its

nut-shaped family cabins, its

wondrous thousand-seater ve-

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Walnut, lay down the Trans-

continental Walnut Turupike,

send a Space Walnuttle arcing

into the void, there to bicep.

forever, its dietary jingles every

hour on the hour? Underwrite a

Teenage Mutant Ninja Walnuts

blockbuster, to catch them

The long days pass, the room fills with smoke, Perrier yields to

bourbon. For a long while there

is no sound save the beating of

the ocean and the Muzak mur-

mur of the Wainut Tabernacle

Choir, until, suddenly, a hollow-

eved executive clears his throat,

warns them that he is of course

merely running this up the

walnut tree to see if anybody

shakes it, and mutters: "If a man

make a better nutcracker,

though he live in the woods, the

world will make a beaten path to

And a puff of white smoke

"£39.76," said the girl at the

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Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan warns of another mass exodus if the shooting starts

Prepare now for more Gulf refugees

to fly home from Iraq, the other human costs of the Gulf crisis are beginning to be counted. It is now three months since hundreds of thousands of low-paid foreign workers streamed across the desert into Jordan. By mid-October, nearly 750,000 had been repatriated to their countries of origin, mostly in Asia. Thanks to the generosity Jordan, as well as the efforts of the United Nations system, donor governments and the Inter-national Organization of Migra-tion, the result was one of the largest and most orderly evacua-

tions in recent history. For a few days, at the beginning of September, the world's media focused on the desperate conditions in the unprepared transit camps. But as the story began to lose its novelty, and as the number of evacuees in the camps dwindled, the media reverted to respective troop levels, firepower and megaphone (or rather sat-ellite-TV) diplomacy. Humanitar-ian interest, in so far as it featured at all, was confined to the visits of

The humanitarian problem will not be behind us, however, until stability in the region is restored. More than a million foreigners remain in Iraq and Kuwait, many of whom may yet wish to leave. The camps in the Jordanian desert may be empty for the time being, but at the first sign of hostilities the human flow will start again this time perhaps including Iraqis and expelled Palestinians (from the east or west). It would be tragic if the world was again unprepared.

For most of the evacuees, the flight from Kuwait and Iraq meant the loss of their livelihood and thattered their dreams of a better life. The decision to leave behind everything cannot have been taken lightly, fully aware as most of them were that their own countries have little to offer. For Europe, the longer-term effects of the crisis might involve a rise in fuel prices and a temporary downturn in economic activity. But with the already overstrained economies of those developing countries now having to reabsorb hundreds of thousands of workers who pre-

shuttling to Baghdad in search of viously sent back significant sums hostages, publicity, or both in foreign exchange, the effects in foreign exchange, the effects will be devastating.

> Jordan, in particular, is suffering. In addition to the cut-off of free oil supplies and the needs of its own repatriated nationals (200,000 so far), Jordan also has to face the crippling effects of complying with UN sanctions against its most important trading partner. Viewed against this background, the apparent reluctance of ncher countries to compensate Jordan for meeting the needs of 750,000 foreigners, largely from its own supplies, is hard to believe.

> Pressure on Jordan has been partly relieved by the open-door policy adopted by Iran and Turkey, but come the next influx, no one should expect Jordan to be as open-handed as it was before. Nor should we be surprised if other countries conclude from the West's recalcitrance that a gen-erous response to refugees in need will not be rewarded.

What all this undertines is how rare it is for the human costs of political strife to be properly considered. Both in the selling of advanced weapons, which makes

war possible, and in the decision to strike, the true concerns tend to be export orders and electoral popularity, rather than the ghastly effects on civilian populations caught in the mess. Yet it is rare indeed that war solves anything. More often, those resorting to massive use of force (such as the Americans in Vietnam, the Russians in Afghanistan, the Israelis in Lebanon or the Iraqis in Kuwait) find that all the suffering caused yields little in the way of economic

or strategic advantage.

What can be done? Certainly there could be improvements in the international system, some of which have been recently high-lighted in an excellent report*. The UN is well able to cope with refugees fleeing persecution, but to some extent it handles other mass exoduses as and when they occur. This gap in the system should, I

believe be plugged by the appointment of a UN Special Representative for Humanitarian Affairs who would monitor all situations likely to produce sudden population movements, seek to depoliticise humanitarian crises and serve, if need be, as mediator.

the UN's considerable experience of peace-keeping into humanitarian emergencies and help to prevent or contain future crises.

If there is to be any hope of a new international order, as both superpowers are rhetorically suggesting, it does not lie in governments passing yet more hot potatoes to the UN in the hope that they can be dealt with on an ad hoc basis. Far more worthwhile would be a set of concrete measures designed to capitalise on the improved international climate and to help contain the humanitarian dimension of crises such as that we currently face in the Gulf. Without such a step, the optimistic rhetoric will continue to bear little resemblance to the sad reality.

*A World in Need of Leadership: Tomorrow's United Nations, by Brian Urquhart and Erskine Childers, is published by the Ford Foundation and the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation (September

Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan is the UN secretary-general's per-sonal representative for humanitorian assistance in the Gulf crisis.

No monetary union until Britain is able to compete

difficulty they caused in Westminster last month, Britain's problems with European monetary union were always open to a facesaving compromise. When John Major returns from his first European summit on Saturday, it is a safe bet that he will have won agreement on his two main objectives: to prevent a common European currency from being "imposed" on Britain, and to start some discussion about a new currency, the so-called hard ecu, which might one day circulate throughout Europe alongside the mark, the lira and the pound.

He will surely be victorious on both, because the hard ecu and "imposition" are both red herrings. Neither will have any bearing on the ultimate outcome of the EMU negotiations, which seems increasingly likely to be that intended by Jacques Delors: a full monetary and economic union. proceeding without any im-position as one group of countries after another decides that ceding full economic control to Europe is better than the alternative. And as long as this alternative is the present halfway house of the European exchange rate mechanism, the advocates of EMU will

Monetary union would save European businessmen time and money and might encourage increased trade, travel and economic integration. More importantly, a single currency would mean uniform inflation and interest rates throughout Europe, presumably low ones if the road towards EMU is the one mapped out by the German Bundesbank

·But there are drawbacks too.

The absence of separate currencies would mean that individual countries lost most of their power to influence economic conditions. Countries with high unemployment could not make themselves more competitive by currency devaluation. Regions where excess sive borrowing or labour shortages were raising costs could not rein in demand with higher interest rates, Only taxes and public spending would be left in the macroeconomic policy tool box, and then severely constrained; in a full monetary union, governments cannot print money to pay their debts. They would therefore have to convince investors that they were willing to collect enough



Anatole Kaletsky, economics editor, sees even the

taxes from their citizens to remain credit-worthy.

The fundamental question about EMU, therefore, is whether the combination of efficiency and macroeconomic benefits out-weighs the cost of losing national economic control. One way of looking at this issue is to consider the only single currency area comparable to Europe in size, diversity and economic dev-

elopment — America. As an example of what economists call an optimal currency area. America has several obvious advantages over Europe. It has a common language, people who readily migrate from state to state in search of work, a superior transport and communications infrastructure. Despite all these advantages, America still pays a

price for being a monetary union. Texas, for instance, might well have done better in the 1980s if it had had a separate currency. Like sterling and other petrocurrencies, this could have been revalued in, the late 1970s to dampen the inflationary effects of the oil boom, and then devalued to prevent the regional economic collapse of the mid-1980s. Instead, Texas experienced a property bubble and mass immigration in the 1980s followed by an economic depression. One indirect result was the collapse of the state's housing finance business, which is now costing American taxpayers well over £100 billion to SUCT OUL

The Texas boom and bust provides a classic example of the best-known drawback of monetary union, that it stops countries responding to localised shocks. But it also points to two crucial conditions for a successful monetary union which have received surprisingly little attention in the EMU debate.

First, if it is to work, monetary union may have to be supple mented by a pan-European tax and public spending policy. There has been much inconclusive debate in Brussels about whether EMU will require European countries to accept constitutional

ERM as a barrier hindering Europe's laggards amendments similar to the American states' balanced budget rules. But the real reason why EMU may lead to fiscal federalism is quite different. Whenever a US state economy is hit by regional recession, its federal taxes fall, while it benefits from greater public spending from Washington. Because America's taxes are overwhelmingly collected at the federal, rather than state, level, the fiscal system provides an auto-matic boost for flagging state economies, without the need for regional policies or demand management at state level. In

Europe such automatic stabilisers do not exist and to create them would require substantial transfers of fiscal power to Brussels. America's other overlooked advantage is even more fundamental. Quite simply, it has been a monetary union for more than 100 years. As a result, the regional economies have long

since adjusted to the fixed ex-

change rates effectively estab-

lished at the time of the Civil War,

though not without decades of

hardship in the case of the southern states. The same adjustment would eventually occur in Europe, regardless of when and how EMU began. The trouble is that weaker European countries might suffer as badly as the American south if they joined EMU at the wrong time or the

wrong exchange rate. The greatest danger of EMU, in fact, is not that it might prevent countries adjusting to shocks in the future, but that it will deliver a devastating blow to some of the weaker economies at the very start and then lock them into a long period of uncompetitiveness.

his seems precisely what has aiready happened to Spain, Ireland and south-ern Italy because of their membership of the ERM. Far from promoting convergence towards economic equilibrium, the ERM has made these countries steadily less competitive by locking their exchange rates to the Deutschmark before their inflation rates had been reduced to German levels. If these countries joined a permanent monetary union in their present state they would face years of very slow economic growth.

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If EMU is to happen, it will have to start off with a core group of equilibrium with comparable levels of unemployment and inflation. Exchange rates should be fixed only after convergence is completed, not as a way of bringing convergence about. This is the position that Germany, the Benelux countries and France are

increasingly taking. But where does that leave the more inflationary economies such as Britain, Italy and Spain? At present they are behaving as if they are already in a monetary union by sticking to arbitrary exchange rates fixed by the ERM. Even in response to the clearest possible case of a one-off local shock, German reunification, they are resisting any currency realignments. Effectively, they are accepting all of the costs of monetary union, without most of the benefits. The longer they go on fixing their currencies against the mark, the more uncompetitive their

economies become. At some point Britain, Italy and Spain will have to break out of the present structure of the ERM. whether or not their ultimate aim is monetary union.

Thatcher aide open to offers

harles Powell, the last of Mrs Thatcher's star supporting cast still at Downing Street, is preparing to bow out after seven years as the prime minister's personal secretary and unofficial foreign policy adviser. Although he will accompany John Major to the Rome summit this week, it will be his final foray into European politics as a member of the Downing Street team.

Powell formed a powerful double act with Bernard Ingham, press secretary, which belied his official status as number two to the PM's principal private secretary, Andrew Turnbull, With Ingham he was one of the two most influential members of the Thatcher kitchen cabinet and was at Mrs Thatcher's side at all her international summits since 1983. Speculation about his future has consequently been intense.

Although he has a good relationship with Major, Powell has told friends that he has no intention of outstaying his welcome. Privately he is resigned to the fact that his influence is on the wane, particularly with the new emphasis on collective govern-ment, and has indicated to close friends that he intends to do something new. One highly placed source says: "He is not sure how long he is staying at Downing Street but he expects to go within a

couple of months." But Powell could remain close to foreign affairs, for friends say he has not ruled out the possibility of an ambassadorship, South Africa

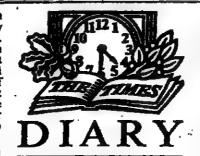
has been mooted when Sir Robin Renwick succeeds Sir Antony Acland in Washington in March. Rumours of a £250,000 post with Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, are described as wishful thinking. Given the speed of political change, some suggest that his market value as the close confidant of an ex-prime minister is such that he would be lucky to command half that.

• In England, as the Victorian judge Sir James Mathew declared. justice is open to all, like the Ritz". Taking its egalitarian cue from his lordship, the Labour party lists the telephone number of the Ritz in its 1991 diary, alongside those other well-known socialist watering-holes, Claridges and Langan's Brasserie.

Uncommunicative

That venerable organ of vestry and vicarage, Church Times, has declared UDI. Traditionally the editor of the paper commands a seat on the Church of England's communications committee (currently chaired by the Rt Rev John Taylor, Bishop of St Albans), which advises the church on its media and public relations. On his appointment last year, however, the editor, John Whale, initiated an unexpected departure from the tradition, so that when George Carey turns to his media experts after his enthronement as Archbishop of Canterbury next year, he will have to do without Whale's wise counsels.

Whale has decided not to be part of the new committee due to be formed in February on the principle that Church Times is "not part of the Caurch of England. We



are independent, writing about the church and Anglicanism in general. I believe it would be inappropriate for me to sit on the

The decision lends further weight to suggestions that the new archbishop will quietly sideline first church leader in Britain to employ a professional public relations agency. Several are known to have made informal approaches but no decision will be taken until after the new archbishop takes up his post in April.

Rhys resurrected

ore than a decade after her death, an unauthorised biography of the author Jean Rhys, best known for Wide Sargasso Sea, has led to a dispute between her family and Francis Wyndham, Rhys's friend and literary executor.

In her will, Rhys insisted that no biography "be written after my death without my express permission being given during my lifetime". That wish, says Rhys's granddaughter, Ellen Moerman, has been disregarded by author

Carole Angier, with Wyndham doing nothing to prevent it. "My grandmother believed her private life was nobody's business." savs Moerman. "She was obsessed with privacy. I know she would be furious about this book. My mother and I objected to it but we were ignored."

Wyndham says: "I'm not going to pretend that I tried to stop publication - I didn't. I suppose I could have withdrawn permission to quote from Jean's work, and part of me wishes I had respected her wish. But the greater part of me felt it would be wrong to stop such an excellent book."

The family, however, refuses to be placated. "Although it is not an unfriendly book it should not have been written," says Elicn Moer-man. "We considered taking legal action, but unfortunately a dead person has no rights."

Mission control re the parties to the Inter-

A mediate Nuclear Forces treaty taking the verification process as seriously as they should? Definitely not, says Major Julian Lawrie of the Scots Guards, one of the two officers appointed by the Ministry of Defence earlier this year to supervise the verification procedure. Shortly after his appointment,

Lawrie was assigned to escore a 30strong Soviet team sent to Britain to inspect American cruise missiles at Greenham Common. "The inspection itself played rather a minor part," Lawrie writes in Guards magazine. "The inspectors were much more interested in going to London and shopping," As a good host, Lawrie abandoned

the American interpreter who was to explain the technicalities of cruise to the visitors and took them sight-seeing instead.

But he was able to demonstrate to the Russians the efficiency of British military planning. They wanted to fit a visit to a typical country pub into a tight schedule. Lawrie chose the pub, radioed



ahead - and the visitors stepped from their coach to 40 pints of beer set up on the counter. Of the lack of interest in cruise, Lawrie philosophically observes: "After all, one missile looks very

much like another." • Cheltenham Tories have become so race-sensitive after the selection of John Taylor as prospective parliamentary candidate that some - sounding more like Labour councillors in a loonyleft London borough - are suggesting that a different band be engaged for their Twelfth Night ball. The name of the one at present lined up? After Dark.

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APPRAISAL ON THE CHEAP

Kenneth Clarke has been characteristically robust in his first switch of policy as education secretary. Brushing aside his predecessor's decision to back away from compulsory appraisal for teachers, he is introducing a system for which he makes the highest claims. It will be simple but effective. It will be popular with teachers and parents. It can be done for nearly nothing. Mr Clarke's pitch is that of a salesman who has suddenly discovered that a rival concern - in this case, the Labour party has launched a competing product, and with an election no more than 18 months away, that comes as no surprise. But parents and teachers alike will want to know whether the product is

In principle, there is a strong demand for it. Parents have a right to know that their children's teachers are being monitored, their weaknesses spotted and their strengths developed as a matter of course. Teachers should benefit from the sort of scrutiny and career development that is now commonplace in the commercial world.

The supply to meet that demand was never going to be delivered by the voluntary scheme favoured by John MacGregor. The dead hand of educational and professional conservatism fell upon it. Though the teaching unions were coming round to the notion, some education authorities were not intending to introduce appraisal at all in the next two years. Others

were to assess teachers who volunteered only, The decision to go for compulsion deals with that problem. Teachers and their unions should have no fear of it. Indeed, some of the education secretary's colleagues on the back benches may feel that he has leaned too far backwards to curry the teachers' favour. Why, they will ask, should individual appraisals be kept from the governors, who bear the ultimate responsibility for the good running of the schools? Why not make the link with pay and

discipline explicit? These are powerful arguments, and in due course, the education secretary will have to address them. But the scheme must first get off the ground. A degree of compromise is justified so teachers do not approach it in a spirit of defensive defiance. Appraisal, as Clarke conceives it, is primarily a tool to improve the performance of the average teacher, not as a means of providing incentives for the best or punishment for the worst. Getting rid of bad teachers is a job for existing disciplinary procedures. Rewarding good teachers should be dealt with through the payfixing machinery. Appraisal is aimed at getting more out of the majority of teachers in the

In principle, therefore, Mr Clarke's proposal strikes the right balance. The doubts concern the practical arrangements. The government developed a bad habit in Mrs Thatcher's years. Local authorities were forever being saddled with new responsibilities, while being denied the resources necessary to fulfil them. Mr Clarke has fallen into the old trap: £9 million was needed for a voluntary scheme; £40 million was estimated by the government's advisers as the likely cost of a compulsary one. Yet Mr Clarke is providing only £10 million.

He hopes that the simplified system he has introduced, featuring out-of-hours training and a workload concentrated on senior teachers with fewer classroom commitments, can prove as effective as the more expensive alternatives on offer. But consumers know that what is bought cheap often turns out to be shoddy. That is only too likely to be the case with Mr Clarke's reforms.

He needs to think again, and if necessary, argue again with the Treasury about the resources to be devoted to the scheme. Neither parents nor teachers will thank him if his much-vaunted reform goes off at half-cock.

WALESA CLAIMS HIS CROWN

Long before he received three quarters of the votes cast at Sunday's presidential run-off in Poland, Lech Walesa had considered the office rightfully his. He had created and led the greatest popular movement in the history of resistance to state communism, and done so for nearly a decade before Solidarity entered government in August 1989. For a year or more. Mr Walesa persuaded himself that he did not want the top job. Only when the bleakness of Poland's prospects gave rise to panic did he decide to submit himself to the democratic test. At that point, the electrician from Gdansk nearly came unstuck. In view of the manner of his victory he would be wise even now not to take the confidence of the Polish nation too much for granted.

Mr Walesa saw President Jaruzelski's acceptance of a coalition government of communists, independent "experts" and Solidarity activists under Tadeusz Mazowiecki as no more than a partial abdication of power. While an economic "miracle" remained elusive, the communist bureaucrats either stayed in office or were supplanted by similarly unpopular placemen of Solidarity. Disillusionment with the government grew. Mr Walesa decided that the reputation of democracy itself was at stake.

Thus Lech Walesa threw his influence behind the clamour for a far more radical break with the past, while holding more or less to the deflationary economic course set by the finance minister, Leszek Balcerowicz. That was the Walesa ticket. It was calculated to appeal to the sense of injustice and wounded pride which most Poles still nurse whenever they think of the wasted communist epoch.

Having sensed that the seismic political shift across central Europe which began with the 1989 revolutions had not yet ended, Mr Walesa placed himself to the right of the predominantly social democratic ruling group in Warsaw. The latter nominated the prime minister, Mr Mazowiecki, as their candidate. This election offered Poles their first chance to express a preference between two wings of the democratic spectrum, even though neither candidate had a true party behind him. Shortly before the first round, however, a "third force"

emerged in the shape of Stanislaw Tyminski. A Canadian tycoon of uncertain provenance, Mr Tyminski outflanked Mr Walesa by promising the earth to the dispossessed. A statist libertarian and expatriate patriot, Mr Tyminski became the idol of everyone who felt let down by Solidarity.

It was then that Mr Walesa's fabled political nous failed him, perhaps for the first time since he was surprised by the imposition of martial law in 1981. Confident that he alone spoke for the common man, Mr Walesa first tried to ignore the would-be usurper, then sought to woo back the hordes of Tyminski supporters by outdoing him in blackguarding the government and its media "intellectuals". Stung by this, Mr Mazowiecki's supporters accused Mr Walesa of dictatorial ambitions and of stooping to anti-Semitism. Mr Tyminski overtook Mr Mazowiecki in the first round.

Round two was scarcely more edifying. Mr Walesa crushed his rival with an ad hominem campaign of sustained ferocity - at a price. Though the insults Mr. Walesa hurled at Mr. Tyminski were more credible than the other way about, the campaign served only to deprive the new democracy of most of its remaining dignity. Nearly half the electorate stayed at home on Sunday, failing to partipate despite 50 years of exclusion from democracy.

Now Mr Walesa has a chance to redeem himself. Abstentions notwithstanding, be can claim support from all classes, from all age groups, from Warsaw as well as the countryside. A mandate that broad may never exist again, as politics in Poland becomes further polarised in the run-up to free parliamentary elections next spring.

Mr Walesa has discovered the limits of his popularity. He would be unwise to seek to extend his powers before he and the new parliament ratify a democratic Polish constitution next May. This elected president should have no need to copy the military men on horseback from Poland's past. As the only thoroughbred in the Polish political stable, Mr Walesa deserved to win. As he celebrates, let him not forget that the Polish people remain in the saddle, not the other way round.

AN ELECTRIFYING OFFER

The electricity privatisation was deemed "an " outstanding success" yesterday by energy secretary John Wakeham. In what way? Though the issue was ten times oversubscribed, only one in ten of the people who used to "own" the electricity industry will now do so. Most of the latter will either sell their shares and pocket the profit immediately, or simply stuff the certificates under their mattresses with no thought of risk, entrepreneurship or small people's capitalism.

Mr Wakeham declared portentously that "the continued overwhelming public interest in participating in privatisation shows the public's support for the regional electricity companies and for privatisation." This is genteel rot. The public cares not a fig for the regional electricity companies and not much for privatisation. Most polls show, if anything, that people think too many industries are being sold off. Had Mr Wakeham decided to sell his aunt's doorknob factory in the same way with a label round its chimneys marked "money for free" - he would doubtless have been met with the same interest; not in doorknobs, nor in the transfer of ownership, but in the guarantee of a Christmas present

from the government. Conservatives approve of widening shareownership, partly for the warm feeling it is supposed to induce of capitalism and individualism and a personal stake in the nation's infrastructure, partly because they hope that shareowners, like homeowners, will be more likely to vote Tory. With 11 million shareholders, that makes some 17,000 per constituency if

evenly spread. This is a misconception of what these privatisations have involved. They are another rather expensive way of selling gilt-edged securities to people who normally buy savings

certificates. Such buyers are rarely tempted to buy and sell other shares. Around 60 per cent of the new shareowners hold shares in only one company, and a mere 10 per cent have shares in four or more. Only 14 per cent hold shares that they bought through the stock market. That institution, and the concepts of risk and reward, remain a mystery to the rest. When Mori interviewed people who first bought shares in British Telecom, it found that 80 per cent thought that in buying their shares they were incurring a low risk or none at all. Over half thought their investment less risky or no more risky than keeping money in a building society.

Moreover, of this sample, only 14 per cent intended to vote Labour, with 53 per cent supporting the Tories, and 31 per cent, the then SDP-Liberal Alliance. It seems that the Conservative government is selling shares mainly to the converted. The British Social Attitudes survey found that shareholders do indeed tend to be more individualist, regardless of their class. Mori sampling shows that 90 per cent of people who own privatised shares also own their own homes, compared with 66 per cent of the total population. The go-getters will always go and get, given half a chance.

What the government gives them is a whole chance. Only once, when the stock market crashed just as the government was selling off its BP stake, have widely-marketed privatisations offered anything less than easy money to anyone who can be bothered to fill in a coupon, write a cheque and find a pin. Ministers want Britons to become risk-takers. yet the less risk is involved in a privatisation, the more successful it is deemed to be. This has nothing to do with people's capitalism, only with "the way they price 'em".



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The punishment is severe trade or else attain a level of economy in

anything they have known.

this, though responding to the realities of the situation, can only

be done at the expense of their

neighbours, thus defeating the

supposed aim of "keeping all

The other way of escape is to

increase income from non-farm-

ing sources. There are signs that

farmers and governments, each in

their own way, are moving in that

direction; but the price of their unreadiness has been incalculable,

Sir. When discussing the very real possibility that the current round

of Gan talks will finally end in

failure when they reconvene in

January, it is well to look at who

within the EC would' actually

benefit (in the short term) from

such a failure and the trade war

which would follow. It is perhaps

not surprising that the main

beneficiaries would be France and

Germany, whose "obstinacy" is

A trade war would enable

Germany and, to a lesser extent,

France to establish themselves in

an unassailable position of indus-

trial dominance within the EC.

freed as they would be from the

competition of America and Ja-

pan. This dominance would be

further assisted by cutting off

British and Dutch industry from

their inter-continental markets.

In considering the potential advantages which would flow to

the Germans in particular in the

event of a trade war, the obstinacy

that they are showing in protecting

their farmers becomes much more

understandable.

Yours faithfully,

M. S. LIVING,

December 10.

being blamed for failure to agree.

small farmers in business".

Yours faithfully, DENIS BRITTON,

29 Chequers Park, Wye, Ashford, Kent.

From Mr M. S. Living

Finding ways to resolve the stalemate over Gatt

From Mrs Ann Clwyd, MP for Cynon Valley (Labour)

Sir, Whatever the final outcome of the Gatt negotiations, now that they have been deferred (report, December 8), developing countries look set to lose out because their views have been ignored by the EC and US.

If Gatt collapses and the CAP (common agricultural policy) thrives, cheap food dumped on developing countries will carry on putting small farmers out of business. A Gatt agreement to cut farm subsidies in the North would give an enormous boost in the long term to food-producers in the Third World. But in return the North is demanding drastic sacrifices by developing countries.

Liberalisation of agricultural markets in developing countries would spell disaster for millions of poor farming families. In the EC and US farm subsidies create surpluses, but for the rural poor of the Third World they make the difference between growing enough to eat and to earn a living or going hungry. The poor have no alternative to working the land and, however cheap imported food, many could never afford to buy it. In Africa 100 million people are

undernourished, and 10 million now face famine. Clearly it is vital that governments promote food production and food security and special allowance should be made

for this in Gatt rules, The British government promised to consider the environmental effects of trade agreements at the Bergen conference earlier this year, but it hasn't given them a thought. Gatt proposals would severely limit Third World governments' ability to regulate foreign companies involved in logging, dumping toxic waste, or mining. Legislation to protect scarce resources, such as the bans on export of unprocessed tropical timber in Indonesia and the Philippines, would have to be epealed because they affect trade.

Developing countries are not in a position to challenge Gatt rules.

Sir, By "reviewing" the commu-

nity charge the government implicitly accepts the blame (or

credit) for anything that follows — yet, without significant policy changes, the initiative in setting high charges will remain with local

The public's principal concern

is the level of the charge. No matter how much external finance

reaches a local council, it will -

with one or two exceptions -

charge what it can get away with.

The government has no power to ensure even that the £3,000 billion

extra for 1990-1 will relieve the

chargepayer. Even the total removal of

education spending from council

budgets would in some authorities.

merely allow receipts from the same level of charge to be spent

eisewhere, while longer-term argu-ments would take place about the

proper level of spending which the

We now know that the govern-

ment has no power to limit the

level of the charge — only the total a council spends. That anomaly

should be rectified without delay.

The 1990-1 charges should have

been universally capped to hold spending at 1989-90 levels plus

inflation: in fact local government

pending massively increased over

But information is the lubricant

of democracy - even now the government could publish clearer

figures showing, for each au-

government should support.

Poll tax review

councils.

From Mr Andrew Turner

retaliation by the North, some- the use of resources far above thing that developing countries, desperate for foreign exchange to pay debts and buy imports, cannot It is up to the negotiators from

all countries to ensure that whatever they finally agree does not stifle development or environmental protection.

Yours sincerely, ANN CLWYD (Shadow minister for overseas development), House of Commons. December 8.

From Professor Emeritus D. K. Brigon

Sir, The refreshing realism of Michael Hornsby's article (December 5) on agricultural subsidies should be welcomed. The present deplorable impasse in the Gatt negotiations would never have been reached if the plain message that "trying to keep all small farmers in business is unrealistic" and that "ultimately incomes can be sustained only by reducing the number of farmers' had penetrated the thinking of those who shape European agricultural policy.

The arithmetic is not complicated, though it may be brutal, even for Britain with its favourable farm-size structure. Farm workers are now asking for a minimum of £9,360 a year (report, December 4). If a family farming today requires a minimum in-come of, say. £12,000 - that is, the amount left after paying all their bills for farm purchases, wages, rent and interest - they will have to achieve receipts from sales of about £75,000. On a farm of 40 hectares (100 acres) this means £1,900 a hectare; but the national average on all UK farms is about £1,000 a hectare, even if we leave all the "rough grazings" out of ACCOUNT.

So if the smaller farmers are to urvive, most of them will have to intensify production (thereby aggravating the downward pressure of supplies on market prices),

thority, the charge which would, in 1990-1, have supported (assuming present levels of external From Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe finance) a standstill budget.

Councils should be required to bill chargepayers promptly and to include accurate rebates, properly attributed to the Exchequer, on bills where they can be calculated. Other changes would doubtless reduce administrative costs - for example, having a fixed registra-tion date each year instead of trying to keep track of every move by every chargepayer, and removing restrictions which prevent councils recording (for those who volunteer it) non-statutory information to aid collection.

None of this is to say that the community charge has failed. Reports from Scotland suggest that increases this year were significantly below those in the first year. The national nondomestic rate is helping businesses and bringing back jobs in declin ing inner-city areas, and councils like Hackney are now seriously considering moderating their im-

The uncertainty frightens backbenchers who fear for their seats but the charge is clear and easily understood, and surely sends the intended signals to local government electors.

Your obedient servant. ANDREW TURNER (Prospective parliamentary candidate), Hackney South and Shoreditch Conservative Association. 18a Furlong Road, N7. December 2.

to imply that such justification has

Paradoxically, the effects of further erosion of LEA expen-

diture are likely to be detrimental

to schools and their pupils: no

school will be able to achieve with

a small proportion of a capital expenditure budget what a local

authority could with a lump sum;

nor is any head teacher likely to

take on the complicated liaison

that any service shared between

If we wish to provide high

quality education, we must have vehicles for its delivery which are

not institutions bogged down in a

nine-to-four academic routine and

interminable meetings.

suddenly evaporated.

schools requires.

Yours faithfully,

103 Links Road,

Cullercoats

C. G. JOHNSON.

School funding

From Mr C. G. Johnson Sig, Your report (December 3) of proposals to "free" £1 billion from education budgets for direct use by schools glossed over many of the uses to which local education authorities put this money. The government itself decided

that LEAs should remain responsible for capital expenditure and school transport; and, further, that they could remain responsible for items such as special needs provision, psychological services, peripatetic music teachers, and library services where "the needs of pupils overall will be met more effectively".

These discretionary exceptions to delegation had to be justified on their merits at the time each local management scheme was approved by the secretary of state for education, so it makes a nonsense

Stress in Ambridge

From Mr Robin Rhoderick-Jones

Sir, Dennis Marshall-Hasdell

(December 1) may be right to envy

Ambridge its isolation from last

month's political upheaval; but he

can hardly describe the village as

Shula is sinking into a deep

decression as a result of losing her

beby and until recently was in

grave danger of being dropped, at

least spiritually, by her husband;

Jill and Kenton are distraught.

Jean-Paul (the finest chef in

Borsetshire) has caused almost

terminal anguish to his erstwhile

employer by transferring his loyal-

ties to the silky Nelson and his

The Royal Air Force has

wrought pre-Christmas havoc

among Clint and the rest of Joe

and Eddie's turkeys; and Peggy's

forthcoming marriage to Jack

Woolley, although to be per-

formed by the notable Cyril,

Bishop of Felpersham, has caused

a deep schism among her anyway

impossible children.

a trancuil baven

North Shields, Type and Wear. December 3. is it any wonder that they haven't found time to take even a passing interest in the sacking of a

mere prime minister? Yours, almost despairingly, ROBIN RHODERICK-JONES. Sheldon Court, Sheldon, Honiton, Devon. December 2,

From Mrs D. R. Millard Sir, Ambridge has not always existed in a sort of never-never land, untouched by current events and everyday affairs.

On October 16, 1964, the day that Harold Wilson was first elected as prime minister, I was in The Archers studio with Godfrey Baseley, the initiator of the series and its editor for many years. When the news of Wilson's victory was phoned through from London, between 5.30 and 6 pm, Godfrey re-wrote the script for that eve-

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They be sent to a fax nu (071) 782 5046.

Twyford Down

30 Kempsford Gardens, SW5.

Sir, As landscape consultant to the City of London in the mid 1970s I encouraged the construction of a cut-and-fill tunnel, about 480 yards long, under Epping Forest. This plan was adopted by the ministry and the extra cost has long been swallowed. I see no reason why there should

not be a similar treatment for Twyford Down, with central pillars, at a vastly lesser cost than the awe-inspiring estimate. This cost would soon be swallowed, but the mangled body would be there for ever. What is proposed would be like a surgeon's cut across the flow of the arteries.

Yours faithfull GEOFFREY JELLICOE, North Hill, Highgate, No. December 1.

Light of liberty? From Mr Tim Miller and

Mr Anthony Barnett

Sir, The open society that the prime minister calls for is extremely unlikely if not impossible without constitutional changes. Thus Mary Ann Sieghart's article "is that liberty's light ahead?", November 29) which argues that John Major should put aside his predecessor's "illiberalism" is especially welcome. We support her suggestions for

much less secrecy, for the equiva-lent of a British Bill of Rights, for independence for local governament, for replacing the House of Lords with a democratic chamber and for electoral reform. In effect, these would add up to a new constitution, along the lines called for by Charter 88's supporters. John Major himself, speaking

this week at his official endorsement as leader of his party, says that constitutional evolution is part of the Tory credo, So far, however, few Conservatives have joined us in working towards a new constitutional structure. Perhaps your readers could help explain this increasingly out-ofdate reticence. Yours sincerely,

TIM MILLER (Chair of the Executive). ANTHONY BARNETT (Coordinator), Charter 88. Panther House,

38 Mount Pleasant, WC1. December 6.

ning's episode, so that Phil and Jill could discuss it over their preprandial sherry shortly after 7 pm. On May 31, 1965, HM the Queen entertained 6,000 of her fellow WI members to a garden party at Buckingham Palace to

mark their golden jubilee. One of my jobs was to go to the Palace press room and telephone through to Birmingham to let the Archers know what the Queen and the other royal ladies were wearing. what was in the sandwiches, etc., and what the weather was like (it was bitterly cold). As a result, when Dan picked Doris up from the Palace, she was able to tell him all about it as they drove home to Ambridge, and the whole world could be told at 7.05 that evening, within a few hours of the event.

Yours sincerely. MOLLY MILLARD (PRO, National Federation of Vomen's Institutes, 1960-70). Mill Ford House, Hall Street, Long Melford, Sudbury, Suffolk. December 4.

Warm tribute after cold night From Mr John Lloyd

Some may escape from this trap by enlarging their boundaries, but Sir, I was one of thousands of motorists stranded on the M6 during the blizzard last Saturday, trapped for almost eight hours on the Birmingham elevated section of the M6. I constantly listened to the traffic news on West Midlands radio to hear the worsening road reports. Early in the evening I heard the offer of shelter by the National Exhibition Centre for all those motorists who could get there. This offer was the one piece of good news amidst all the bad.

I eventually got to the NEC at about 10.30 pm, ured and exhausted, to be given free food and drink and a warm place to sleep for the night. For this I was very grateful; so, I am sure, were the other 1,000 or so motorists who managed to reach the NEC.

The NEC management and staff reacted promptly and efficiently and by their kindness saved many from a cold night in their cars. Thank you.

Yours sincerely, J. LLOYD. 48 Bury Road, Old Harlow, Essex. December 9.

From Mr Hugh Lowe Sir, Can our environmentalists confirm that the apparent severe reduction of numbers in yet another species - the council gritting lorry - has been caused by global warming? Yours faithfully,

HUGH LOWE Barons Place, Mereworth, Nr Maidstone, Kent. December 9.

Major's defence tasks From Professor Geoffrey Lee Williams

Sir, Now that we have a prime minister, with an open mind, I would respectfully suggest that Mr Major turns his attention to the Single European Act which, inter alia, under article 30, refers to the need for a defence-industrial policy at the European level. There are now three reasons for him to put this matter on the agenda. First, the increasing unlikeli-

hood that the German government will procure the European fighter aircraft, even though they are funding the R&D for the project (report, November 27), in effect puts in doubt the future of this multi-national project, in which Britain has a 33 per cent. share. The potential loss of a sophisticated new aircraft for Nato has serious strategic implications for the future.

Secondly, the expected job losses at British Aerospace arising from the cancellation of 30-plus Tornado üghter aircraft, - with further job losses to follow highlights the Kleinwort Benson securities report about the bleak: prospects for the defence-related: industries in the UK (report,

November 30). Thirdly, at the European level, the takeover of MBB (Messerschmitt Bölkow-Biohm) by Daimler-Benz is Germany, together with the emergence of Sextant Avionique in France, a jointsubsidiary arising from the merger between Aérospatiale and Thomson CSF, has created Europe's largest defence avionics supplier. This raises critical questions concerning the future structure of European defence industries.

Does the cabinet have the will to play a really constructive part in hammering out a European defence industrial policy with its European partners? Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY LEE WILLIAMS,

Institute of Political and Economic Studies. 18 Warkworth Street, Cambridge,

Age discrimination From the Director of

Age Concern England

Sir, Mr Bryan Cassidy, MEP, rightly raises the point (November 28) that age discrimination in employment is not just a British problem. Although legislation exists in France to ban age limits in recruitment advertising and to encourage the employment of older workers, the problem is still . endemic in the rest of the EC. It is detrimental to the British and surely other economies as well as distressing and unjust to the individual

The campaign to ban ageism in recruitment, launched on November 21 by the Alliance Against Ageism, is directed equally at the public, private and voluntary sectors, and indeed at the media which frequently carries and therefore perpetuates the scourge. Age Concern is also involved in a campaign at a European level; through Eurolink-Age on this issue. We hope that the European Parliament will decide to take up and act upon this issue. Yours faithfully.

SALLY GREENGROSS Director, Age Concern England, Astral House, 1268 London Road, SW16. December, 4.

Going downhill fast

From Mr Jim Rouse Sir, You quote Mr Roy Hattersley as saying "Britain must be in the fast lane and on the high ground" (report, December 4). Does he intend to see that Britain goes downhill very fast? Yours faithfully, JIM ROUSE, 104 Overstone Road, Sywell, Northampton.

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COURT CIRCULAR

Captain Alexander Baillie-

Hamilton was in attendance.

The Princess Royal this evening attended The Abbey-field Bristol Society Extra Care

Appeal Christmas Concert at St

Mary Redcliffe Church, Bristo

and was received by Sir Reginald Verdon-Smith Deputy Lieutenant of Avon).

Sir John Cox in connection with

HMS Bronington.
His Royal Highness received

Miss Sofia Dettman. The Princess of Wales left

Royal Air Force Northolt this morning for Belgium to under-take engagements in Brussels. Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Mr Patrick Jephson and Mr

Richard Arbiter were in

The Princess of Wales was

represented by Sir David Lumsden at a Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the

Lord Swann which was held in Westminster Abbey, today.

December 10: The Princess

Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at

KENSINGTON PALACE

Enrick were in anendance.

Today's royal

engagements

The Queen will hold an

investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as

President of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts. Manufactures and Commerce, will present the Albert Medal at

a reception and dinner at the society's house at 6.50.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen

Mother will attend a reception

at St James's Palace at 6.15 to

mark the 350th anniversary of Eton College. The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the

Old Etonian Association, will

The Prince of Wales, Duke of

Cornwall, will visit the Jewellery

Business Centre, 95 Spencer

The Duke of York will attend a

reception on board HMY Britannia at 6.45.

The Princess Royal will open De La Rue House, Jays Close, Viables, Basingstoke, at 11.00; as Chancellor of London University, will visit the School of Slavonic and East European

Studies at 3.00 to mark its 75th

anniversary; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund,

Never Ending Story II at the Warner West End cinema,

The Duke of Kent will open the new headquarters of

Electrosonic at Hawley Road,

The Duchess of Kent will open

the annual exhibition of the Royal institute of Oil Painters at The Mail Galleries at 3.00.

The Governors of Millfield have appointed Mr Richard Smyth, MA, to be Headmaster of Edgarley Hall from September, 1991. Mr Smyth, currently Headmaster of Terra Nova

School. Cheshire, is aged 43 and

married with two sons. He will

succeed Mr George Marsh.

Eton College

Half on January 7.

Harrow School

The Governors of Harrow

School are pleased to announce that General Sir John Akehurst

has been elected Chairman, with

effect from May 1991, in succession to Sir Robin Butler. Mr J.M. Hignett has been elected a Governor.

Edgarlev Hall

Glastonbury

Leicester Square, at 7.30.

Dartford, at 2,30.

Street, Birmingham, at 2.40.

a so attend.

Roddam was in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE December 10: The Prince of Wales received Vice-Admiral

Mrs Timothy Holderness

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 10: The Earl of Airlie (Lord Chamberlain) had an audience of The Queen and presented an Address from the House of Lords to which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee of the Council, attended

a Council Meeting and Luncheon at St George's House,

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the George Cross Island Memorial Seige Bell Trust Appeal, this evening attended a presentation on Operation Pedestal and afterwards dinner at the Imperial

War Museum. Mr Bnan McGrath was in The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Sir John Burnett at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Swann

which was held in Wesiminster Abbey, today.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Cavendish of Furness (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this evening upon the departure of The President of the Republic of The Gambia and Lady Jawara and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of Her

Majesty.
The Duke of York this a Carol Concert held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington morning performed the "Top-ping Out" of the Cripplegate Institute, Golden Lane, London EC1, and was received by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Barracks, in aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. The Lady Glenconner and Major The Lord Napier and

Birthdays today

Sir Anthony Abell, former colonial administrator, 84: Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Ashmore, 71; Miss Anna Carteret, actress, 48; Lord Elliott of Morpeth. 70; Sir Robert Fellowes, Private Secretary to The Queen, 49; Professor Sir Robert Grieve, town and regional planner, 80;

Sir Kenneth MacMillan. choreographer, 61; Mr Chiff Michelmore, broadcaster and television producer, 71; Mr Wilfrid Newton, chairman, London Regional Transport, 62; Mr D.E. Plownight, chairman, Granada Television, 60; Mr Carlo Ponti, film producer, 77;

Mr Patrick Reyntiens, glass painter, 65; Sir Francis Sandilands, former chairman, Commercial Union Assurance, 77; Mr Alexander Solzbenitsyn. author, 72; Miss S.A. Spencer, author, 72; Miss S.A. Spencer, former general secretary, the National Council for Civil Liberues. 38; Mr Sebastian Walker, publisher, 48; Mrs Sebia Walker, former chief commissioner, Girl Guides Association, 73; Mr C.F.J. Younger, former chairman, Brewers' Society, 82.

Luncheon

RM Government Sur Paurick Wright, Permanent Under-Secretary of State and Head of the Diplomatic Service, was host at a luncheon held honour of Admiral Sir James Eberle, retiring Director of the Royal Institute of International

Among those present were Mr David Howell, MP, the Hon David Gore-Booth, Sir Christopher Tugendhat, Sir Michae Franklin, Professor Robert O'Neill, Dr Helen Wallace, Mr Edward Morumer and Mr Robert Cooper.

Service dinner

King's Own Scottish Borderers

The London and Southern Counties branch held their bi-Counties branch held their biennial ladies' evening on Si
Andrew's right at the Victory
Services Club. The principal
guests included the Colonel of
The Regiment Brigadier C.G.
Mattingley, and Mrs.
Mattingley, Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott, the Adjutant-General, General Sir Robert Pascoe
and Lady Pascots and the Chanand Lady Pascoe and the Chaplain-General, the Rev James Harkness and Mrs Harkness, A gracious message was received from the Colonel-in-Chief, HRH Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester. The chairman, Major P.B. de T. Rooke, presided.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain R.G. Arundell and Captain J.C. Greenwood,

OARANC The engagement is announced between Ralph Graham Arundell, The Light Infantry, only son of Mr and Mrs G. Arundell, of Porushead, Bristol, and Jane Cecilia, eldest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel (reid) W.R. Greenwood. OBE. ind Mrs Greenwood, of West Ashton, Willshire,

Mr G.A.C. Dresser nd Miss C.P. Cartlidge The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs Clive Dresser, of Surbiton, Surrey, and Claire, daughter

of Mr and Mrs William P. Cartlidge, of Hampstead, Mr S.N. Perry and Mrs K.J. Milke

The engagement is announced Simon, younger son of the late Mr Raymond Perry and of Mrs Manon Barbara Perry, of Purley, Surrey, and Karen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Milke, of Tom's Raver, New Jersey, USA,

Mr R.W. Sharp and Miss A.S.C. Serjeant The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of the late Mr Frederick Sharp and of Mrs Ann Fuller, of Dunstable, Bedfordshire, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Serjeant, of Quainton,

Jonkheer F.L. Smits van Oyen and Miss S. Maltzoff The engagement is announced between Frederic, son of the late

Jonkheer Theodore Smits van Oyen and of Mrs Marianne Smits van Oyen, of Brussels,

and Sophy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Serge Maltzoff, of Paris. Marriages

Mr J.A. Fishbourne and Mrs J.M. Greaves The marriage took place on Thursday, December 6, 1990, in London, between Mr John Fishbourne and Mrs Jean Greaves, widow of Mr John F. Greaves, CBE.

Major R.P. Whoser and Miss S. Roeves The marriage took place on Friday, December 7, 1990, at St Simon Zelotes, Upper Chelsea, terween Major Rodenck Pole Winser. The Royal Green Jackets, and Miss Susannah Rockes, Mr William Molesworth-St Aubyn was best The honeymoon is being

spent in Malaya. and The Hon C.M. Trevelyan
The marriage between Robert
Kee and Catherine Mary
Trevelyan took place on Monday, December 10, in Chelsea.

OBITUARIES

Tadeusz Kantor, Polish actor, director and visual artist, died of a heart attack in the early hours of December 8 in Cracow aged 75. He was born in Wielopole on April 6, 1915.

TADEUSZ Kantor spent a lifetime among the dead. Haunted by the spectres of the past, anguished by today's cadavers in the making, he was Charon's counterpart, ferrying images from the lower world, first into his singular set designs for the Teatr Stary in Cracow and later into his own funereal, but never macabre, productions performed by the Teatr Cricot II, founded by Kantor and a group of Cracow painters in 1956.

Named after the original Cricot pre-war theatre set up by Cracow artists in 1937, Cricot II's most celebrated production is undoubtedly The Dead Class, set in a depressing school room, whose decrepit pupils carry the corpses of their childhood on their backs, doomed to repeat in death the mistakes they made when alive. Premiered in Cracow in 1975, it subsequently toured the world and established Kantor as an important figure in the postwar avant-garde theatre movement. It was seen at the Edinburgh Festival and subsequently at the Riverside Studios, Hammersmith, in

When Kantor was born in a tiny village on the outskirts of Cracow, his father was away fighting at the front. For the birth his mother moved in with her uncle, the local priest whose house was next to the Rabbi's, it was here admidst this war-tormented, pro-foundly East European and predominantly Jewish community that the infant Kantor began to furnish what he liked to call his "room of the imagination".

He graduated from the Cracow Academy of Fine Arts in 1939. During the Nazi occupation he founded the underground Independent Theatre. After the war he became a stage designer with Stary, but soon became distillusioned with the institutionalised avant-garde theatre. Cricot II was created and in the 1960s Kantor staged theatrical bappenings and evolved a dramatic style where the text was scanty and the performers were used almost as props.

Kantor described the work of

Cricot II as "an attempt to

create a sphere of free and

disinterested artistic behav-

He did much to make known the work of the surrealist playwright and thinker Witkiewicz, who committed suicide in 1939 when the Germans invaded Poland. In the 1970s Kantor developed the "theatre of death", where life and death hold equal court. Kantor himself was a sort of master of ceremonies. His presence on stage in recent years became an integral part of his theatre, either in person or as a shadowy personage dressed in his habitual white shirt and black braces, hovering on the boundaries of the action. The ambiguous, agitated and anguished figure was a mirror image of the man himself

Kantor's attempt to open metaphorically the tombs of Poland in order to reveal a mysterious, often obscure global living truth, found kindred souls in Italy and France. In 1971, French minister of culture, Jack Lang, then artistic director of the Nancy Theatre Festival invited Cricot II to perform and did much to bring Kantor's work to the fore in Western Europe. Kantor was a regular visitor to Paris and during the 1980s it was there, in the context of



of his most profound work. including I Will Never Come Back (1988) and Oh Gentle Night, created at this year's mer he asked Avignon Festi-Avignon Festival with a group val director Alain of artists.

TADEUSZ KANTOR

For some time he had talked about his death. His output of which he could die. But he and was later taken work in recent years had died in Cracow at the end of a hospital.

grey as his decors. This sum-Crombecque to find him a house in the town, one in

tally exhausted, turning his due to be premiered in Paris in thin expressive features as January. Kantor flew into one of his characteristic rages (provoked by an internal not external dissatisfaction). he walked out of the rehearsal

JOHN CURRIE

appeared for his country at second row between 1956 and 1962, died on December 8

THE second-row partnership of John Currie and David Marques illuminated English rugby union during the late 1950s and he later became a radical chairman of the Harlequins club. Currie was a forceful forward who develmember of England's international team over six years. He appeared 25 times for his country, including the 1957 season when England won rugby's grand slam, a feat they the second world war.

John David Currie was born in Bristol. He went to Bristol Grammar School and thence to Wadham College, Oxford, where he read geography and played in the university match in four successive years. In every one he played against Marques.

John Currie, the Harlequins the Cambridge lock, and the stage. Marques's extra height and England rugby player who two subsequently came tosecond row. Currie had already played

aged 58. He was born on May for Clifton and Somerset - he also played cricket for the county and at university and his club career subsequently took him to Bristol, Northern and West of Scotland, as his business career with the Imperial Tobacco Company carried him first to Newcastle then to Glasgow. with him to those clubs after his international career ended was of considerable value to the younger

men with whom he played. But it is his classic partnership with Marques in 22 have achieved only twice since internationals together that will be remembered. Currie had a dual qualification but turned down an invitation to play in a Scottish trial so as to take his chance with England. He and Marques came together against Wales in 1956. two of ten debutants, when Currie's goal-kicking was also

made him a natural middleof-the-line jumper while Currie, at 6ft 3in and 15st, played at the front where his mauling ability (he was nicknamed "Muscles") came into play.

His last international was against France in 1962 but in the middle 1970s his expertise was required again, as a selector. In 1980 he became chairman of Harlequins at a time when the club's standing had declined. He was a focal Indeed the experience he part of a committee which overhauled drastically the playing side of the club so as to prepare for league rugby which Currie (and others) were convinced would soon be

adopted in England. The fruits of his labours were best seen, however, in the 1988 cup final, in which Harlequins beat Bristol to become the first London side to hold the trophy. In the same year Currie's term as chairman ended but he continued to serve on the committees of Hartequins and Middlesex. He is survived by Pat, his December 5 aged 57. He was born in Cleveland. Onio, on April 6, 1933. BILL Hardman belonged to. the line of trumpeters steeped in the idiom which came to be. known as "hard bop". Overshadowed by Clifford Brown. -

BILL

HARDMAN

Bill Hardman, American jazz trumpeter, died in Paris on

Lee Morgan and Freddie Hubbard, he was neverthelessa formidable player whose reputation perhaps stood higher amongst his fellowprofessionals than the jazz public at large.
As a child, Hardman took lessons on a cornet that

his father had reluctantly purchased from a pawn shop, and ... while still at high schoolperformed with the composerarranger Tadd Dameron... Turning professional at 18, hereventually went on the road with the rhythm and blues band of Tiny Bradshaw.

Touring the so-called "chitlin" circuit of small clubs gave him a sobering introduction to the life of a travelling musician. He laterrecalled how, at one venue in the rural South, gatecrashers! used a cow as a battering ramto force their way in past the doormen.

Eager to play jazz rather: than the limited repertoire of rythm and blues, Hardman joined forces with the alto. saxophonist Jackie McLean in 1955. Both men briefly foundtheir way into the Jazz Work- ... shop run by the mercurial Charles Mingus. Hardman appeared with Mingus at the; 1956 Newport Jazz Festival but he was soon lured away by: an offer to join Art Blakey's-Jazz Messengers, the ideal-training ground for young. hard bop musicians. He stayed with Blakey until 1958, working with him again in the; late 1960s,

Hardman was on hand in 1957 when the Messengers made a recording with planist ... Thelonious Monk for the; Atlantic label. Like somany other soloists, Hardman ... admitted that he had difficulty absorbing the rules of Monk's idiosyncratic compositions. The problem was not helped by Monk's refusal to allow the band to see the sheet music: the musicians were expectedto learn pieces simply by listening to Monk tap them out at the keyboard. Despite this, Hardman's contribution belongs among the best of his recorded output. He can also be heard in the expanded line. up on another Blakey session.

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Art Blakey's Big Band. After a short spell with Horace Silver, Hardman began an intermittent, 17-year, Lou Donaldson. As hard bop declined in popularity, work became more and more elusive. He was, however, back... with Mingus in 1969 for a series of live dates in New York. In 1972 he helped form_ the large-scale ensemble, Brass Company, which also featuredthe drummer Billy Higgins and the bass player Bill Lee, father of the film-maker Spike. Lee. In later years Hardman recorded for the Muse label. and kept up his public profile as co-leader of a group with wife, two sons and a daughter. | the saxophonist Junior Cook.

Memorial services

Lord Swam The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Sir John Burnett and the Princess of Wales by Sir The Michaelmas Half at Eton David Lumsden at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Swann held yesterday in Westminster Abbey.

The Dean of Westminster College ends today, Mr W.H. Moseley is returning from his house. In the final of the House Association, Mr M.T. Phillips's drew with Dr T.C. Bassey's nil all. School opens for the Lent

officiated, assisted by the Rev Alan Luff, Precentor, the Bishop of London, brother-in-law, and Canon Donald Gray who said

Mr Edward Heath, MP, and Mr Marmaduke Hussey, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the BBC, read the lessons and the Hon Richard Swann, son, read from the St George's House lecture delivered by Lord Swann on April 20, 1990. Professor the Hon Murdoch Mitchison and Lord Bonham-Carter gave

The Rev Ernest Rea, the Rev T. McCabe, Canon Paul Bates, Canon Colin Semper, Canon James Mansel, Canon Michael Moxon and the Rev Michael Hayes were robed and in the Sacrarium. The Archbishop of Canterbury was represented by the Bishop of Winchester. The Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern attended and the Leader of HM Opposinon was represented by Mr Robin Corbett, MP. Among others present were:

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Sir Clifford Cherwood, Wardens, and their ladies. The Master presided and the other Archbishop of Westminster, the The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Lord Mayor, Professor Harold Ellis and Mr Johnson. Sheriffs and their ladies, were entertained at dinner last night at Guildhall by Dr John T. Breen, Master of the Guild of Lord Jenkins of Hillhead was a

speaker at a dinner discussion held last night at the

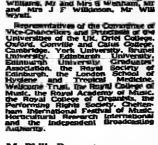
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Mr Philip Pouncey A memorial service for Mr Philip Pouncey was held yes-terday at Si George's, Hanover Square. The Rev W.M. Alkins officiated, assisted by Canon Cosmo Pouncey, brother, the Rev George Bright and Father Kidane Lebasi,

Mr David Scrase, Keeper of Paintings and Drawings at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, read the litany and Mr Julien Stock, Director of Old Master Paintings at Sotheby's, read the bidding prayers. Colonel Christian Zyromski, Miss Cristiana Romalli and Mr Francesco Chiarini, grandson. read the lessons. Mr John Gere gave an address.

Farter & Co

The Senior Partner, Mr W.O. Farrer, and the Partners of Farrer & Co. last night hosted a dinner for their staff, former partners and pensioners at The Great Hall, Lincoln's lan, to celebrate 200 years of practice from their Lincoln's Inn Fields address. The principal guest was the Vice-Chancellor, The Right Hon Sir Nicolas Browne-

Anniversaries

of value on the international

BIRTHS: Charles Wesley, rousician, Bristol, 1757; Hector Berlioz, composer, Côte-Saint-Andre, 1803; Alfred de Musset, poet, Paris, 1810; Robert Koch, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1905, Klausthui, Germany, 1843.

DEATHS: Liewelyn ab Gruffydd, Prince of Wales, lelled in battle near Builth. 1282; John Strype, historian London, 1737; Colley Cibber actor-manager, dramatist, London, 1757; Richard Doyle, artist and caricaturist, London, 1883; Olive Schreiner, novelist Capetown, 1920.

James II fled from England, 1688. Abdication of Edward VIII and the accession of George VI, 1936. USA declared war on Germany and Italy, 1941.

New Catholic bishop named

The Rev Roderick Wright was appointed Roman Catholic Bishop of Argyll and the Isles yesterday (Kerry Gill writes). He succeeds the Right Rev Colin MacPherson, who died in March.

Father Wright, aged 50, was born in Glasgow and trained at St Mary's College, Blairs, Grampian. He studied philospohy and theology at St Peter's College, Cardross. Strathelyde, and was ordained in the archdiocese of Głasgow in 1964.

After working in Glasgow and a period as spiritual director at Blairs, he asked for a transfer to the diocese of Argyll and the lsles in 1974. He is currently parish priest to St Anne's. Corpach, and St John the Evangelist Caol near Fort William. Father Wright, a Gachic speaker, is a keen walker and sea

Appointments

Mr Robert Charles Court Seymour to be a Deputy Judge Advocate, from December 10. Mr Claude Grenville Gould, an Assistant Judge Advocate General retired last month.

Mr Registrar Angel to succeed Mr Registrar Turner when he retires as the Senior Registrar of the Principal Registry of the Family Division of the High Court in Apol.

Target in sight for Lord Fraser appeal

The £15,000 appeal to pay for the bust of Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser of North Cape, unveiled by the Duke of Edinburgh in Portsmouth dockyard last month, is within \$6,000 of its target.

Lord Fraser commanded the naval force which sank the German battlecruiser Scharn-horst in the Barents Sea on Boxing Day 1942. The 14-inch shells of Fraser's flagship, the bauleship Duke of York, smashed the German commerce raider at long range after she had attempted to intercept convoy JW-55B bound for Murmansk. Later in the war Fraser commanded the Eastern Fleet which

in the Pacific, and signed the

formal instrument of surrender by Japan on behalf of the British government. He was First Sca Lord from 1948 to 1951 and

up until last month the only there should be a memorial on British soil and Leslic Punter's bust, standing near HMS Vic-

Donations may be made to the Lord Fraser Memorial Fund. C-in-C. Naval Home Command, Admiralty House, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth. Hampshire.

Appointments The Rev Canon Richard Allington-Smith, Rector, Great Yarmouth team, diocese of Norwich to be Priest-in-charge, St Andrew's, Norwich, same

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Assistant Curate, Kirkby Lons-dale team, diocese of Blackburn: to be Vicar, Langford, diocese of St Albans.

Vicar, St Michael and All Angels, Enfield, diocese of London: to be Rector, Springfield, All Saints, diocese of Chelmsford.

The Rev Roderick J Cosh,

Chaplain's Assistant, the Royal

Lord Justice Stade will retire as a Lord Justice of Appeal on January 10 and Mr Justice died in 1981. Mr Anthony Hogs, a retired naval officer, of Chichester. West Sussex, said that

Norway. Five years ago he wrote to the First Sea Lord suggesting tory, is the result.

The Rev Ross O Davies, Rector.

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London: to be Vicar, St Augus-tine of Canterbury, Whition, The Rev Dr John Cullen, Director of the Institute of Christian Studies, Margaret Street, London: to be Director of Training diocese of Winchester.

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The Rev Raymond J Brown,

The Rev Edwin T Chapman, Vicar, Bulmer w. Dalby, Terrington and Welburn, diocese of York: to be also Rural Dean of Bulmer and Malton,

Vicar, same benefices. Resignation The Rev David Manship, Team Rector, Abingdon and Rural Dean of Abingdon, drocese of Oxford: to resign as Rural Dean

Judges to retire

Lord Justice of Appeal on January 10 and Mr Justice Michael Davies will retire as a Judge of the High Court (Queen's Bench Division) the following day.

Mr Choch Powell was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's.

Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

of Abingdon, same diocese. Meeting Royal Over-Seas League Mr Enoch Powell was the guest

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> THE NOBEL PRIZES

STOCKHOLM, Dec 10 The Nobel prizes awarded for the year by the Swedish Academics were distributed today with the usual ceremonies and commemorative speeches. The award to Professor Rutherford (Chemistry) was made on account of his researches in radioactivity; to Professor Lippmann (Physics) for discoveries in connexion with colour-photography; to Professors Metchnikoff and Paul Ehrlich (Medicine) for their researches in the subject of natural and acquired immunity; and to Professor Rudolph Eucken (Literature) for his philosophical works.

All the prizewinners, except Professor Metchnikoff, who was prevented from attending, were present to receive their prizes, consisting of a medal, diploma, and a cheque for £7,680, at the hands of the King. Professor Metchnikoff's prize was handed, on his behalf, to the Russian Minister, Baron Budberg. The statutory lectures to be given by the recipients on the subjects for which the prizes were awarded will be delivered at the academy in the course of the next few days.

AWARD OF THE PEACE PRIZE The Peace Prize, awarded by the Committee of the Norwegian Storthing has been divided between the Swedish politican, M. Arnoldson, lately member of the Riksdag and founder of the Swedish Peace Society, and the Danish writer, Frederik Bajer, leader of the peace party in Denmark. Both are active members the international peace organizations.

Great satisfaction is felt here that the Norwegian Storthing has divided the Nobel Peace Prize between a Dane and a Swede, Frederik Bajer particularly being an ardent advocate of peace among the Scandinavian Professor Ernest Rutherford, who

Professor Ernest Rutherford, who was born in 1871, has been since 1907 Langworthy Professor and Director of the Physical Laboratories at the University of Manchester. After a distinguished University career in Name Calend New Zealand, he entered Trinity College, Cambridge, and obtained the Coutts-Trotter Studentship in 1897. He was awarded the Rumford medal of the Royal Society in 1905 and the Bresse Prize from the Turin Academy of Science in 1908. In addition to numerous papers in various journals and magazines dealing with physical science questions, he published "Radio-Activity" in 1904 and Radio-Active Transformations" in

Professor Gabriel Lippmann was born in 1846 and is a Commander of the Legion of Honour and a member of the Acedemy of Sciences and the Longitude Office. He is the author of several monographs and books on the conservation of electricity, acoustics, astronomy, and other scientific subjects.

Professor Elie Metchnikoff, the well-known Professor at the Pastaur Institute, Paris, is a member of the French Academy of Medicine and a Foreign Member of the Royal Society of London. His most important publications are "Eudes sur la Nature Humaine," "I'mmunité dans les Maladies Infectieuses," and "Essai de Philosophie Optimista." In 1906 Professor Metchnikoff delivered the Harben lectures at

Cambridge.
Professor Paul Ehrlich, who was born in 1854 and studied at the Universities of Breslau, Strassburg, Freiburg, and Leipzig, is the Director of the Royal Institute for Experimental Therapeutics at Frankfurt. His numerous scientific publications deal with a variety of subjects connected with medicine and therapeutics.

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Designers, high street shops and partygoers are betting on the little black dress again this

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better in black, according to Bruce Oldfield. There speaks a designer capable of creating some of the friskiest frocks in the business, worn by such unshrinking violets as Joan Collins and Marie Helvin, and now he admits what we suspected all along.

The little black dress is chic. Women look good in it. Designers lavish their best talents on creating it. And if the Christmas windows in every high street are anything to go by, retailers this season

are banking on it.

Coco Chanel launched the little black dress on its lengthy social life in the Thirties, when she lay back on her chaise longue for Cecil Beaton's celebrated portrait of her in simple black and a ton of fake jewels and pearls. But it was Audrey

Hepburn as Holly Golightly in Breakfast at Tiffany's, in a cutaway black dress, who taught every woman on a tight budget how to dress up to look

chic. Even in a year when bright colour is in fashion the little black dress known as the LBD by the dedicated partygoer, who usually has several of them in her wardrobe - is not missing out on the fur. The Queen's party at Bucking-ham Palace tomorrow night is probably the only event at which it will not be seen royal guests are delving into their wardrobes - and wallets - to get more dressed up for this one.

The designer David Sassoon never gets tired of creating the short black dress. This winter his variations include a strapless velvet dress with gold embroidery on the bust, a wrapover black crepe dress with jet beaded

fringing shimmering around the asymmetric hem, and an off-the-shoulder short number in black ottoman with sequinned sleeves (expect to pay from £400 to £300 at Bellville Sassoon). "Black is never boring, though I love colour," he says.

Marc Bohan, the former couturier at Christian Dior in Paris and now at Hartnell in London, loves creating the little black dress. "There are so many ways to make it fun, first with the fabric, and then the cut." he says. The simplicity of the perfect short black dress with sav. one diagonal shoulder-strap is achieved only in an haute couture atelier, he believes. "There is no chance to make a mistake when a woman wears a little black dress, but too many around the dinner table does not make it look very amusing."

Bruce Oldfield conjures up his perfect little black dress. "It skirns the curves without being darted in to fit, has a plain round neck and long tight sleeves. You

very dress you design in red, pink zip it closed, dress it up and go to town. or blue always ends up looking it's the oldest fashion cliche in the business," he says. "Whenever I say to myself this is too simple, I imagine a body inside it and know it looks right."

That middle letter is never understood to stand for boring when Murray Arbeid dreams up his LBD. The most important things must happen above the he says, describing the deep Medici décolletage he has sliced into a slim, short, black velvet dress in his Pimlico shop this winter. "It is all about subtle shading and texture. Customers try on the bright colours first, but they end up buying in black."

Yves Saint Laurent is the designer who first reinvented a man's satin-lapelled tuxedo as a little black dress. The variations that he succeeds in creating on this classic design (24 totted up in just one

recent couture show) have be-come a set piece that never fails to inspire fashion followers, and invariably draws the loudest applause in the show. He is also the master at draping silk satin into the most sensuous of little black dresses True simplicity

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perfection to be carried off with chic. This season the high street retailers and store chains seem to have tracked down some good-looking bargains priced at fident they are on to a long-running seller when they invest in black, afford to be adventurous in styling. The choice is wide. Strapless numbers with jet tassel fringing sell at Miss Selfridge for £49.99. Also at Miss Selfridge, a satin-backed crépe fitted slip dress, the back a criss-cross

budget how to dress up to look chic' costs just £29.99. dead plain, round-necked crepe shift dress is £59.99.

Cheap chic: in Breakfast at Tiffany's

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Jaeger's tittle black dress in black crêpe with drop waist, round neck and long slim sleeves (£169) is distinguished by a very Chanel-like touch, a row of black satin bows down the front. All it needs is a white gardenia pinned to the top bow, a few strands of pearls, and a whith o Chanel No 5, of course, to achieve a very

In selected Debenhams stores a black velvet double-breasted dress with off-theshoulder shawl collar sells for £39.99 (see photograph). Velvety little slips with metal stude hang in Hennes at £44.99. Monica Zipper supplies halter-necked dresses in slinky velvet under her Monix label for £49.99. And stretchy Lycra slip dresses and shimmering little sheaths in black lame and sequins are available almost everywhere, at a price that should leave money to spare for a pair of giant rhinestone earclips.



Black looks: all dressed up in the quintessential LBD, as sold by Debenhams for just £39.99

Good for no more than a giggle?

Designers went back to the nursery in the Eighties. Is it time they grew up?

consensus the formal end came on November 22 with the resignation of Margaret Thatcher, in the same week as the publication of 80s Style a celebration of the furniture and cult objects coveted by those Eighties people who became known as yuppies and carried designer notebooks called Filofaxes.

The startling fact that emerges from this colourful and - one hopes - none-too-serious gathering of the work of the most admired international designers is that while those at the business end of the "decade of greed" buckled down to earning serious money, most of those who created lustre-artefacts to furnish their thrusting lifestyle appear to have re-

THE Eighties are over. By true future classics emerge: Michele de Lucchi's First chair for Memphis and Norman Foster's splendid drawing and dining tables are outstanding, as are Shiro Kuramata's curvaceous chests of drawers, and side chairs by the Ligh priest of post-modernism, Charles Jencks. Honourable mentions, too, to Ron Arad, Richard Sapper and Philippe Starck.

Such, however, are the exceptions. The bulk of designers have cared nothing for the political or socio-economic trends of the Eighties, remain-



ly that is what the new breed *favoured* — the Corbusier chaise, the Braun shaver and the Mackintosh ladderback. with the jet black Porsche lurking moodily outside - but

they were antiques. The design ethos of the decade was kicked off by Ettore Sottsass, the founder and guiding light of the Milan-based Memphis furniture group, who wrote the po-faced foreword to this otherwise entertaining book, His early pieces - such as the room divider with angled shelves covered in iridescent and - were startling and genuinely amusing. Many were uncertain whether to buy or laugh; most laughed, but if

it was a joke it was a good one. However, this gag has been trotted out for more than a decade, and the language of post-modernism and the grammar of allusion overused to the point of tedium.

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ing enthusiastic for their Lego sets, the apparent inspiration for much of their work. Well represented, too, are the openly and jokily derivative: for example, Robert Venturi's ply-wood "Chippendale" chairs. or Stefan Zwicky's "Corbusier Confort" chair, so named because the downfilled leather cushions of the original are replaced by blocks of solid, raw concrete.

We can only wonder at the conclusions should historians of the future try to insight into "the way we lived then" from any of this. The ioint authors of 80s Sivle who merit no credit on the book's cover - stress the fun of it all. But we wait to see whether in the Nineties designers will tire of the nursery, and put away these childish things.

JOSEPH CONNOLLY 80s Style: Designs of the Decade, by Albrecht Bangert & Karl Michael Armer (Thames & Hudson, £16.95).

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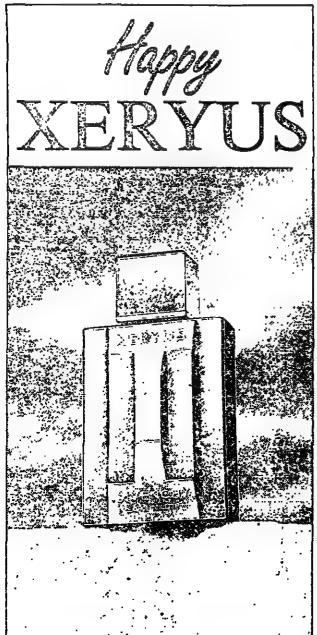
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not very complicated. Honor Carter, an American now living in Britain, failed to find an engagement ring she liked in London's Hatton Garden jewellery quarter. "I just didn't want something that anyone else in the street could be wearing," she

says. "I couldn't understand why the London jewellery shops didn't respond when I said I had a substantial sum to spend. I knew I wanted an oval stone and yet they told me there was no such thing as an oval-shaped diamond."

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LETTERS written by Sybil Thorndike and Lihan Baylis will be under the hammer later this week. So will copies of Shakespeare signed by practically everybody at the Royal Shakespeare Company and a programme for Richard of Bordeaux, the play in which John Gielgud scored a huge success, 60

Those, and dozens of other theatrical memorabilia, are being sold on Saturday at a Christmas party at Fred's Place in Soho, in aid of the Young Vic, which is now within £100,000 of the £350,000 it needs to survive. Tickets, £35 each, from Lady Mayer on 071-495 0130 or the Young Vic on 071-633 0133.

Letters of the law

AN AMERICAN pressure group. the National Coalition on Television Violence, is threatening to drown that country's cinemas in alphabet soup. Spurred on by dislike of Hollywood's new NC-17 rating, first awarded to Henry and June, the group proposes erecting a network of local censor boards. armed with a vast arsenal of letters and numbers. Ratings would be applied to pinpoint areas of special concern: A (adult situations), D (dangerous drug usage), N (nudity), P (perversion), S (sexuality), V (violence), VV (very violent), VVV (very very violent). Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, responsible for the existing certificates, predicts *a confusing mess" if the Coalition's scheme ever becomes a reality.

Just an orchestra PRETENTIOUS names for chamber orchestras, part 94: the English conductor John Eliot Gardiner has launched a new period-instrument orchestra, called (despite its entirely British origins) Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Roman-tique, to play 19th-century music in the authentic manner, is this the most self-important name ever invented for a period-instrument ensemble? There is strong competition. Consider the Academy of Ancient Music, the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, the Orchestra of the Eighteenth Century, Les Arts Florissants . . . and, of course, Jean-Claude Malgoire's orchestra, entitled - with a flourish of Gallic rhetoric - La Grande Ecurie et la Chambre du Roy.

Last chance \dots



Benjamin Luxon as Schicchi ENGLISH National Opera's double-bill of Fennimore and Gerda and Gianni Schicchi promises an essay in contrasts. There can hardly be two near-contemporary operas more different than Delius's lyrical, pastoral tale of Nordic love and Puccini's brash, brilliant comedy. Gianni Schicchi is the more successful half of the bill: the production brims with life, responding to Puccipi's blend of grossness and wit. The final performance is on Thursday at the Coliseum (071-836 3161).



Faith in a good book

I hroughout the 1980s, the London musical was dominated by epics and extravaganzas. From classic novels to steam engines, nothing seemed immune to the big song-and-dance treatment. However many actors appeared, they were dwarfed by the scenery, if not their own costumes. But megamusicals caught the mood of the newly prosperous, and gave at least a glimpse of opulence to spectators who felt squeezed by market economics.

With the grey realism of 1990, though, come signs of a decline in mock Puccini and hydraulic glamour. A year ago, the impresario Cameron Mackintosh poured £3.6 million into Miss Saigon at Drury Lane. Last month, by contrast, he launched the Kipling confection, Just So, at the Tricycle Theatre, Kilburn, This week, Mackintosh transfers the even less pretentious Five Guys Named Moe from Stratford East to the Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue.

Uninhibited spectacle is not dead yet, however. Children of Eden begins previews at the Prince Edward shortly, with a cast of 38, a 23-piece orchestra, and extra help from a didgeridoo soloist. He has been hired to make a suitably orimeval sound for ti

trip through Genesis.
The difference in scale between the new arrivals could hardly be more marked. Five Guys Named Moe has an all-black cast of six, accompanied by five musicians. John Napier's set for Children of Eden comprises almost eight tons of steel. It includes a dome the size of a semi-detached house, and two giant walkways which stretch across the stage into the auditorium. Half a dozen articulated lornes brought in the principal components, whereas Five Guys Named Moe boasts a backdrop, a bandstand, and a few polystyrene cut-outs which load comfortably onto a furniture van.

Children of Eden has a budget of £2.2 million. Five Guys Named

With a biblical epic imminent, Jim Hiley questions whether huge budgets guarantee either profit or pleasure in musical theatre

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A thousand years

Moe cost £17,500, yet proved handsome enough to enchant the critics at Stratford, and quickly became the hottest ticket in town. By contrast, the co-producer of Children of Eden, Patricia Mac-Naughton, describes advance bookings as "solid, not amazing". The Royal Shakespeare Compa-ny's John Caird, who shared

responsibility with Trevor Nunn for Les Misérables, scripted and directed Children of Eden. Caird remains confident that audiences will enjoy "losing themseives" in another dense narrative with music.

"The first scene shows the Cre-ation," explains ation," explains Caird. "Within three-quarters of an bour, Adam and Eve have two teenage sons. Thirty minutes later, Eve is dying, surrounded by her great grandchildren." A thousand

years pass during the interval, then Noah appears, hammering the Ark together. "I see my role as finding how far the suspend disbelief. The less brave I am, the more bored I get." But Caird shuns the technological excesses of some colleagues. Like

Les Misérables, be insists, Child-ren of Eden is a "human epic". Biblical scholars may be troubled by Caird's humanisms methods. Far from ageless and omnipoteni. God grows older and wiser as events proceed. Women have been given a prominence denied them in Genesis. "The Old Testament is appallingly sexist," says Caird. "We had to put that right from the word go."

saved by Japanese businessmen. His wife, Frances Ruffelle, plays

a character called Yonah, a daugh-ter of the tribe of Cain whom Japheth insists on taking into the Ark, and later marries. Caird says be invented Yonah not to provide love interest, but to emphasise a theme of reconciliation between the generations which, he says, is theologically justified. "I don't believe anyone will find our story offensive. We're filling gaps in writing that begs to be imagi-

natively reconstructed." Children of Eden's progress to London has been lengthy and fraught. It was planned five years go as an oratorio for the vast Crystal Cathedral in California, with a script by the de-signer Charles Lisamby. The score is by Stephen Schwartz, who set the

pass during the New Testament to music in Godspell. interval By the time Caird came aboard in 1987, they had managed a try-out, at a convent

"The trouble with the script." says Caird, "was that almost every big event happened offstage. I began to take over more and more of the writing, to get rid of all the 'Greek messengerism'." Caird's role expanded, Lisanby's departure became inevitable.

"It was unpleasant at times, but I think Charles is happy now He gets a credit in the programme for original conception." - Caird does not smile at this faintly biblical term - "and considerable

financial participation." Children of Eden was scheduled to open at the Barbican this

autumn as a co-production with

the RSC. When the RSC closed its London base temporarily, the musical lost a home and £500,000 of production resources. It was

struggled into existence, starting as a green-room cabaret at The Crucible, Sheffield, and progressing to late-night shows at the Corresioe. The American-born actor Clarke Peters admits that his script is little more than a pretext for the performance of 20 numbers associated with Louis Jordan, the rhythm 'n' blues proneer.

Mackintosh and Peters bave agreed to preserve the simplicity of the Stratford version, though the costumes have been re-made and the bandstand has been motorised. "Minimalism stretches the performer," Peters says. If that is true, his show will probably outlive the expensive charms of Children of Eden Either way, musicals seem likely to rediscover moderation as the 1990s unravel.

Children of Eden privilens at the Prince Edward Theorie (071-734 8951) from December 19, Five Guys Named Moe transfers to the Lyric Theatre (071-437 3686) from Friday.

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Five Guys Named Moe also

Peters paid for the Cottesloe venture with £2,500 from his savings, and was then invited to mount a production at Stratford. The Theatre Royal's director, Philip Hedley, tried unsuccessfully to raise extra funds from several West End impresarios, and finally raided his pantomime budget to belp bring Chapman Rob-erts and Charles Augus from America, as vocal arranger and choreographer. They drilled the cast in the breathtaking song-anddance techniques.

"Rehearsals were like being back at school," says Peters. "You needed to warm up for the warmups." Such were the demands that a couple of actors left the cast. But the first night was a triumph, and Hedley was suddenly besieged by producers, desperate to finance a West End transfer.

In tune with the role of youth

THE Royal Opera may not be winning the highest accolades for roles, but with whom the Royal business acromen at the moment but, in its Young Artists in Recital series, it has hit on a quietly shrewd formula for enlightened promotion. These monthly lunchtime events in the Crush Bar not only capitalise on London's seemingly unquenchable thurst for song recitals. They are also Covent Garden's public answer to the widespread accusation that, obsessed with the snakes and ladders of top international casting, the house is simply not doing enough for the careers of young singers. At one level, the series is a shop

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window for the Opera House's own Young Singers' Programme, which has been running on quietly behind the scenes for two or three years before finding official identity in September 1989. At that point, John Dobson, senior company bass, took over as director. His charge is the welfare of young protégés who, selected from some 200 auditions a season, may be offered either a permanent company contract, cover roles or small The public becomes aware of

the workings of the scheme primarily when a principal falls ill and everyone has to move along one place. Justin Lavender, for example, took over from Chris Merritt as William Tell last April, and young Alasdair Ellion sud-denly found himself in Lavender's role as the Boatman Ellion will have his recital next May. Linda Kitchen, Tell's son, will perform hers in March, and Mark Beesley, who gives the next recital on January 22, will be taking over as the Minister in the next run of The company is conscientious

in its searching (members of the panel may regularly be spotted in the audience of college and fringe productions up and down the country), generally sensitive in its matching and timing of roles, and seems genuinely anxious to ex-pand the scheme as far as is possible within the constraints of un interportional bouse. The recital series, though, is also

a showcase for young singers who

Opera clearly wants to keep in touch. Such a one is the loclandic tenor, Gunnar Gadbjörnsson, whose recital last week, attended by an audience of 80 or so crushed into the Crush Bar, was something of an event. On the basis that an opera singer cannot live by voice alone, Covent Garden recommended Gudbjórnsson to the National Opera Studio where he is now building up his stage technique. The voice alone, though, is a force to be reckoned with. This is a tenor whose low register has a ringing baritonal strength and who, at the top of the voice, slices the air with a silvery glint characteristic of the Nordic voice and inevitably reminiscent of Nicolai Gedda, with whom he has studied. Apart from small roles at Opera North and Buxton, Gudbjornsson has, so far, been seen in Britain only as Welsh National's Ferrando in Cosi. His recital revealed not only the stamina and nuance of this distinctive voice, but also in-

troduced its audience to the virtually unknown Icelandic song repertoire of this century. Much of the earlier work tends to take the form of conventional, Europeaninfluenced romantic settings of folk-derived melodies, whose own pedigree dates back to the ancient rimur or metrical romances and the sagnadansar or ballads. Jon Leifs, the doyen and, in many ways, the Bartok of Icelandic music, was represented by a short. austere "Vogguvisa" (Cradle Song), the voice a dark, bending monotone above the piano's oscillating ostinato. The younger generation of a country with an unusually high proportion of composers to population, many of them particularly sensitive to the voice, was glimpsed in Jon Thorarusson's "Bird at the Water's Edge", and two songs, Janaček-like in their stencil-sharp word setting and terse accompanying images, by his pupil, Gunnar Reynir Sveinsson, a distinctive voice in theatre music in Iceland.

HILARY FINCH

Politics in the margin Enders and the Little-Enders will

THE Chief Rabbi of the Commonwealth has sent me a mild reproof for accusing The Reith Lectures (Radio 3, Wednesdays) of not addressing the subject of religious fundamentalism. While happy to announce that tomorrow evening's lecture will indeed gird its loans in the service of that topic, this column cannot recommend the programme. Intellectual tedium belongs in academe, not on the air waves. although it has to be said that the lectures' puritanical eponym was not himself noted for wit. My original point was that fundamentalism is the only aspect of religion that should concern other neople: private conscience is a closed book, lunatic behaviour is an abiding menace. When such behaviour affects entire communities, it becomes politics by

The BBC's chief political reporter, John Cole, uttered the disclaimer of the weekend with the very first sentence of Down Your Way (Radio 4, Sunday). The phrase was "Despite its troubled history. .. " and it was spoken in the ancient ecclesiastical centre of Armagh, locus classicus of all religious factionalism. The city of Liverpool may boast two cathedrais of opposing denominations; Armagh handsomely trumps it by calling both its cathedrals St Patrick's. Relations between the churchmen of the two faiths are said to be excellent, a fact which seems not to mitigate the bigotry

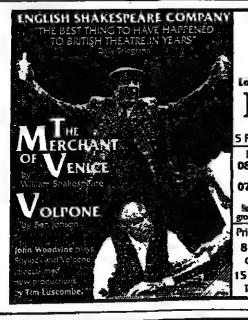
always dispute the correct way of opening their curate's egg.

A little touch of Swift was

plainly called for here, and Cole obliged by uncarthing a first edition of Guilliver's Travels - the very copy, indeed, in which the author had scribbled marginal emendations to be incorporated in the second edition. "Yes, I see," the sage of Westminster observed. "he's changed 'purple, yellow and white' to 'blue, red and green'." Well yes, and be did so for reof political satire; one wonders whether Cole realtsed this and was ensuring that politics itself was kept in the margin. There was certainly an abiding

air of unreality about the programme, as though a reporter sent to the scene of a cataclysmic disaster had devoted his air-time to a description of the local flora and fauna What the "ordinary" people of Armagh are like we never discovered, only that some of them periodically take to the open air for the purpose of hurling a 281b cannon ball along roads whose names read tike a Baedeker of strocity Just as in some antedituvian form of golf, the contestant taking the fewest throws to reach the destination is judged the winner. Exercised by the prospect of innocent motorists being alarmed. Cole was assured that they are always given safe conduct. Perhaps this is a good augury for the future.

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tend to be a bit like average. Chianti wines often very acceptable, always characterful, but sometimes a little rough-edged in character. The Orchestra dell' Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia is no exception, so it was brave, if typical, of Leonard Bernstein to make a live recording of orchestral music by that most challenging of orchestral compos-

Bernstein, of course, cannot hide the lack of sophisticated sheen in this orchestra's string sound, nor the want of smoothness among the woodwinds. Yet his role as an inspirational figure is never in doubt, and the lively and colourful spirit of these performances goes a long way towards compensating for technical shortcomings. There are even moments - the first movement of La Mer is one - where one is unexpectedly enveloped in richness, where the music's full emotional power really tells. Elsewhere, however, the Italians paint this music in primary colours, attacking much of Images, for instance, with an endearingly rumbustious

Ideally, of course, music such as this, and the Pretude a l'après-midi d'un faune, benefits from subtle blending, but Bernstein proves his greatness and humility by sensitively exploiting the tools at his command, so that, at the very least, the disc makes for a fascinat-

ing mix of three cultural archetypes. Leonard Slatkin's disc of Copland, with the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, is brilliantly played, proving a worthy tribute to the composer who died last week. Like Bernstein, Copland is 100 often dismissed as a musician who gears his art so that it appeals to the lowest common denominator. Sometimes his ideas and

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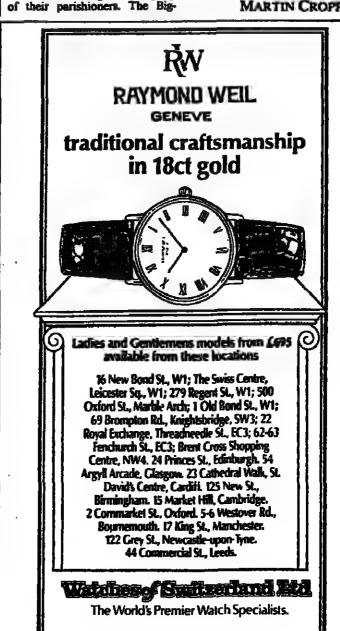
structures are indeed simple and easily assimilated, but that he was capable of satisfying the intellect as well as the heart is clear from a work like the Third Symphony, composed between 1944 and 1946. While unashamedly evocative of the American archetype, it is also a cogent symphonic structure, defily orchestrated, dramatic and essentially warming in spirit. The substantial filler on Slatkin's disc is Music for a Great City, which was composed for the 1961 film Something Wild. Even though the sounds are aggressive

and modern, this colourful and exciting music cannot hide - nor does it pretend to - its original function as film music.

Alan Marks makes a valuable contribution to Copland's birthday celebrations with a recital devoted to the composer's piano music. The centrepiece here, of course, is the Piano Variations of 1930. But the disc also includes matter of lighter weight: the vigorous and evocative "Four Dance Episodes" from Rodeo, the four "Piano Blues" and Marks' own arrangement of nine of the "Old American Songs", Copland's equivalent to Britten's English folksone settings. Throughout, Marks plays with a bright tone and infectious rhythmic buoyancy. and the recording by Nimbus

sounds admirably natural.
Sir Michael Tippett's recent association with the same company, which began last year with a disc that featured the composer himself conducting the "Ritual Dances" from The Midsummer Marriage, is pursued further in a record devoted to his choral music, this time conducted by Stephen Darlington. As well as the ubiquitous "Five Negro Spirituals" from A Child of Our Time, the disc includes the first ever recording of Crown of the Year, the cantata on words by Christopher Fry, besides shorter works like the double choir motet. "Plebs Angelica", the madrigal dance, "Clarion Air", and the lovely setting of the Northumbrian folk song, "Bonny at Morn", this last work complete with its lovely trio of gently piping recorders. All are sung by the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, with remarkable exactitude and sensitivity, qualities apt for Tippett's muscular lines and unfailing po-

STEPHEN PETTITT



Amiable wimp way off target

THEATRE

Robin Hood Theatre Royal, Stratford East

ALTHOUGH the plot of Cinderella is as familiar to me as the back of my own slipper, the panto antics of Robin and his Merry Men were entirely unknown. The possibilities for spirited subversion looked hopeful, especially from this theatre, with its long record of challenging the Sheriff of Whitehall. The poll tax could still have been a plank in the Sherwood Forest manifesto, despite recent political shifts that leave us uncertain whether Mr Major will turn out to be Prince John or Little

But apart from a passing refcrence to Widow Hood's refusal to pay her Vole Tax, Patrick Prior's new version keeps away from politics. Robin is the worst bowman in England, and his mother's pub, though called the Blue Boar, is spiked with so many mis-shot arrows it could be the Porcupine. Maid Marian (Tania Rodrigues) is the real champion archer, concealing her skill for reasons unclear. another chance for contemporary comment missed. The Merry Men (girls, naturally) do little; even Jackie Downey's strong voice as Little John only briefly shows its

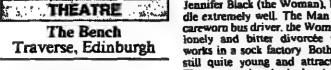
range. The words of the songs are irritatingly difficult to catch, just as they were last year with Cinderella, a much zestier show. In fact, this Robin Hood (direc-

tor, Jeff Teare) is a pretty thin business. Colin Gourley does make quite an endearing hero, a sort of Robin Wimp, dismayed by the prospect of life in the forest because his diet forbids him red meat. There is also lively backchat from Cedric the Tree (Robert McKewley) - "Trees don't talk," snaps Alan Cowan's Widow ("Oh, yes they do!") - and comical cowardice from Bill Thomas's dumpy Sheriff with the physique of a turkey. Every word he sings can be heard, so the acoustics need not be so harsh elsewhere. The chorus sometimes sound like Donald Duck's nephews.

Best of all the characters is Lickspittle, the moronic thug hopeless with a ball and chain, slavering at the thought of inflict-ing juicy torture, and played with gloating relish by Philip Pellew. It is significant that after he and the other villains receive the ultimate punishment (exile to Horochurch) they pop up again, refreshingly

More apples could be provided for children to hurl at the stage, but at least there are no soppy love songs. Cans in Lincoln green can be purchased in the loyer.

JEREMY KINGSTON



ALEXANDER Gelman's The Bench, which brings the Traverse Theatre's successful 1990 season to a close, fits comfortably into the two people meeting on a park sub-genre of Western drama as exemplified by Edward Albee, Tennessee Williams and any number of others. The theme is now so well worn

that when the lights go up on a park bench audiences automatically expect to see a play about the human condition or something equally weighty. Judging by the Traverse production, Gelman, who is one of the Soviet Union's leading radical intellectuals, seems to have written a beautifully crafted, rather soft-centred play about a chance encounter between two lonely lives.

The Bench has been translated by poet Stephen Mulrine into a vigorous and effective theatrical Scots which the two actors, Kenneth Bryans (the Man) and

THEATRE

Lady Audley's Secret

White Bear,

Kennington

NOT to be confused with Oscar

this play is actually a domestic

melodrama by C.H. Haziewood,

based on a novel by Mary Eliza-

beth Braddon. Made-Up Theatre

Company drive their garish and

rickety vehicle for all its worth.

sending up amateur theatrical

conventions with engaging pa-

nache, making up for the banality

of parody with refreshingly full-

blooded gusto, and ending up with

a predominantly entertaining

hour of bodies, bodices, and

Directed by Caroline Gordon

and Russell Floyd, the acting is in

the grand ham style, with huge

exaggerated gestures as if the

characters are using semaphore to

land helicopters on aircraft carri-

ers. This is not always riotously

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wonders whether she bought those

Michelle Greet's Lady Audley



Chump and champ: Colin Gourlay and Taxia Rodrigues

Jennifer Black (the Woman), handie extremely well. The Man is a careworn bus driver, the Woman a lonely and bitter divorcée who works in a sock factory Both are still quite young and attractive. They meet when he is drunk and she is perhaps waiting for someone else. Slowly it emerges that they have met before and that after a few hours of passion the

Man had disappeared into the night with unfulfilled promises to return. He does not recognise her at first, but when he does, they weave together a tissue of hes, suspicion, deceit, recrimination, tears and violence.

Muirine sees the play as a dissection of the way in which men and women approach the world. Women, the play seems to



Lies and tears: Jennifes Black and Kenneth Bryans in The Beach

bulging eyebalis in a joke shop, CONCERT while her voice and bearing suggest a young Lady Bracknell

coquettish Alicia with speciacular coyness, tiny gasps of petulance punctuating her every phrase. Charles Elford gives a wiry pipecleaner of a performance as the hapiess George Talboys, his clipped delivery contrasting with Bernard Moss's Sir Michael, who can hardly manage to say anything at all by the end, so thorough is his portrayal of the weepy stages of inebruation. If there is a keg of porter stashed to the wings, some

ease the rigor mortis of other members of the cast. Fortunately, send-ups of this kind make it hard to distinguish between effective burlesque and rotten acting there is probably bit of both here. Utterly devoid of subtlety, this is a fun, young show and a diverting way of spending an hour in Kennington.

of it might profitably be used to

John Ogdon's Music smoking 60 a day. Smouldering Blackheath Halls gloriously in her flame-coloured costume, she cuts a lund dash centre-stage. Equally attractive THOSE who remember John but doubly bewitching is Katherine Turner, who plays the

Ogdon as a superlative planist before dis untimely death lasi ven may be surprised to know that he had over 200 compositions to his credit, including four operas and a couple of purpo concersos. On a smaller scale, seven of his chamber and instrumental works made a programme at Blackheath's Concert Halls that was a testament to his inventiveness.

Brenda Lucas, his widow and erstwhile piano duo partner, played what he called his "American" Sonata. written for her in 1984, and the 25 Preludes inscribed to John Paul Getty, from whom Ogdon received the gift of a Steinway grand piano. These last. quoting along the way from Bach and Chopin to Victor Young and Dave Brubeck, reflect a lively musical fancy as well as pianistic

Ogdon once said that he looked on composing as a hobby to enjoy: MICHAEL WRIGHT | "I devote myself more to playing,

ALASDAIR CAMERON and treat composition as a spare time thing." What was heard here bore witness to that approach in a kind of assorted improvisation, trying this and that as if the composer were thinking to himself: "Let's do it and see what happens," - whether quarter-

tones or diatonic chords.

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in the West at least, hopelessly

outdated analysis, satinsed by

James Thurber as "He strong as a

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the characters were presented without a hint of trong, perhaps

we were meant to take all this

The tone of the production was set by designer Nick Sargent's wonderful Russian park complete

with birch trees hung with lights,

benches, gravel, urns, drinking

fountains, statues, distant bala-

lasks music and the twinkling

lights of a town. But, like the

production as a whole, it is almost

100 beautiful, with no sense of

edge or astringency Directors lan

Brown and Andrew Farrell have

opted to bathe the play in a golden

glow which, while seasonal, sits

uneasily on what could be a disturbing, even harrowing, play.

This soft approach transmitted

itself to the audience who laughed

a great deal as though at a farce,

and not with the pain of genuine

pseudo-psychology seriously.

would be disciplined by a formidable intellect, as with the solo Cello Sonata written in 1973 for Raphael Sommer, who played it here with considerable command of technique and musical conviction. Rachael Brown, quoted as describing the solo Flute Sonata as "a fantasy trip" in five movements, gave it correspondingly decorative appeal, though its writing seemed in need of a piano part.

The violinist Peter Sheppard made more of the duo works, a serious minded Romance skulfully equal-banded for violin and cello, and an experimental Three Preces with the pianust Skye Atman, as if Ogdon were dabbling in quarter topes and note-clusters for fun. Only the Cello Sonata and the Preludes seemed more than the work of a Sunday composer.

NOEL GOODWIN

CINEMA GUIDE

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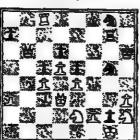
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ive coverage from Twickenham of the 109th match between Oxford and Cambridge universities, for the Bowring Bowl. The commentator is Nigel

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8.15 Westminster. A round-up of

11.00 After Hours, A magazine

9.00 Laverne and Shirley. American

sircom starring Penny Marshall and Cindy Williams (r) 9.25 Water under the Bridge. Second of

11.20 The Invisible Man: Barnard Wants

12.06 Holiday Outings, A report by Kathy Tayler from the Islands of Seo Maguel

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Outback. A documentary about Australia's Royal Flying Doctor Service, narrated by Michael Deen (r)

English Woman and the Horse. Celebrating the unbridled affection women of all ages and backgrounds feel

for their horses. Nurrated by Candida

questions and other business from

the House of Lords and the House of Commons 3.50 News, regional news

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Australian soap (Ceefax)

1.50 Rugby Union. Chris Rea introduces

3.50 Forget-Me-Not Farm. Bob Peck and

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Crosse (Array); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6) 1.00pm News 1.05 Four Hands: Arianna Goldina and Rémy Loumbrozo, piano duo, perform Schuber lente, Tambourn for Iwo

(Variations on an Onginal Theme, D 813); Durufié (Danse peanos); Liszt (Concerto peanos); Liszt (Concerto pathétique for two peanos) (r) 2.00 Music Weekly with Peter Paul Nash. A report from Prague on composers and music on

2.45 A View from the Tower: Patrick Lembert presents four programmes on the lite and times of the Czech composer Bohuslav Martinů, on the

BBC 1 archaeology This afternoon Tony Gregory and Paul Birkbeck visit a 5,000year-old village on the Orkney eisends 8.50 Daytime UK. Presented by Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers in

5.00 Newsround 5.10 Grange Hill. Epeade 19 sees athlete Unford Christie make a guest appearance (r). 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern

ireland: Sportswide 5.40 inside Lister 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter issons and Moira Stuart Regional News Magazines.
 Northern Ireland: Neighbours
 7.00 Trivial Pursuit, General knowledge

Quiz based on the popular board game, hosted by Rory McGrath. (Cestax) 7.30 EastEnders. (Ceetax) 8.00 The Good Life Re-run of the cornedy about self-sufficiency in deepest Surbition, starring Richard Briers, Felicity Kendal, Penelope Keith

and Paul Eddington. (Ceelax) 8.30 A Question of Sport. David Coleman hosts another round of the jokey sports quiz, with team joined by national hunt jockey Peter Scudemore, rugby league international Andy Gregory, Mick McCarthy, the Republic of Ireland's World Cup football captain, and Philippa Roberts, European water slung champion.

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Mertyn Lewis Regional news and weather
9.30 Film: Dark City (1990).

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unitest in the townships of South Africa, and with echoes of the Sharpeville messacre, Dark City uses the format of a political thriller to explore the dilemma of oppressed placks. While inviting condemnation of a system that traats people as second-class cutzens, a ment of David Lan's

popular word game 4.30 Behind the Headines. Robert Robinson and Loyd Grossman are joined

by writers Phoda Koenig and Bea Campbell

opportunities available to people over 50, with guest Hughre Jones, former singer with the Spinners folk group

Junor presents a two-part guide to southern California, starting in Los

Angeles and Sen Diego. Matthew Collins does his unual research for the independent traveller (r), (Coefax) 6.00 Film: Five Card Stud (1968) starring Flobert Mitchum, Disen Mertin and Roddy McDowell. Western drama ehour a poker cheet's knobing that is

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Raj. Mark Tully explores the causes of incia's political crisis. New prime minister Chandra Shekar attempts to

plein why the sub-continent has

tailed to produce a stable party system 3.30 Food and Drink. A look at wines for

the testive season and recipes for cherry ple and spiced beef 9.00 Twin Peaks. Final episode of the first senes of Devid Lynch's black scap. Having left the town lest week with

five or more inhabitants and the paper mill facing imminent destruction, the plot heads for its finel cliffnanger as

Agent Cooper and Sheriff Trumen make a breakthrough in their

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5.00 Advice Shop. The series aimed at the consumers of welfare and public

services looks at the job

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Stunned by the Court's verdict (9.30pm) screenplay is that it refuses to pleas over the excesses of black violence or anticise the perpetrators. Often visually striong, with a powerful use of colour, Clark City tells how a protest through a sharity town ends in the death of a black councillor and savage retribution by a police force desper secure convictions. At the heart of the film is a debate within the black community between the forces of moderation and those who urge the resort to arms. Shot in Zimbabwe with a South African cest, Dark City represents an impressive directing début by Chris Curling. (Ceefas) Wai Week In Week Out 10.00 Film: Dark

City 11.10 Film 90 with Berry Normen. A review of *Litera Blues and* an interview with Ken Loach, who talks about his controversal award-winning film, Hidden Agende, set in Northern Ireland

11,40 Spenser for Hire starring Robert
Linch as the Soston private detective.

Spenser investigates an illegal furcoat racket, and lands himself caught in a deadly trup. MITHW. Water: Film 90 1.00

Sharilyn Form as Auctory Horne (9.00pm)

for a rendezvous with what seems to be Laura Palmer. A tape that could reveal the killer is discovered by termes and Donne, Hank's evil influence spreads and Agent Cooper has a

9.50 The Sentence. Penultimete episode of the revealing behind-the scenes documentary series about Glen
Perva Young Offenders Centre near
Leicester. Derren is enjoying his
community service work with children
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10.20 283 Useful ideas from Japan. A look at novel aspects of Jepanese life 10.30 Newsnight. The day's top stories with news and feetures on the headline grabbing events at home and abroad. Presented by Jeremy Paxman 11,15 The Late Show. The arts and media magazine takes a look back at some of

12.00 Behind the Headlines. Sec 4.30. Enth at 12.35mm

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1.00 News at One with John Suchet.

1.20 Wish You Were Here? Juditi Chairners travals to St Ives in Cornwall. John Carter goes to Apulia in southern Italy and Steven Huma tries out a young person's holiday working as a counsellor at an American summer camp (r) 1.50 A Country Practice

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hospital. (Oracle) 5.10 Blockbur 5.40 News with Fions Armstrong.

5.55 Thames Help with details of Help Aid Romana's Christmas appeal 6.00 Home And Away (r)

7.00 Emmerdale. Countryside soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle)

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2.00 Third Wave. Series which takes a look at life for the over 55s, with the

last three programmes — euthanesis, health and sexuality. (Teletext)

2.45 Film: The Tommy Steele Story (1957, b/w). The cturpy, tousle-twired Steele plays himself in this health assembled blopic, made when its

emphasis on personal stories. This afternoon's edition features a studio

discussion on topics raised in the

subject was only just coming up to his 21st birthday. Jolly and simplistic, with lots of songs and guest spots

by Humphrey Lyttellon, Cheries McDevitt and Nancy Whiskey.

Directed by General Bryant

4.30 Parasolica Out Fishing. Soviet outdoor based on a fisherman's tales

natural images set against a background of soothing music 11.00 As it Happens. Life as it happens in

the Gulf captured by Michael Groth and

his camera crew. This morning they

are in the up with the RAF's Pursu

CHANNEL 4

7.30 Thames Reports: Preventing the Terrorist? Reporter Roger Beam examines the workings of the maniaro poiss lorge's strongesi weapon against the IRA - the Prevention of Terrorism Act
8.00 The Bitl: One for the Road.

CHOICE The quality of this show

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continues to amaze, particularly as if denies itself the soap opera luxures of running stones and entry into characters' private lives. The Bill has stayed farthful to its declared policy of showing the police only in their professional roles and it rarely carries stones over into a second episode. Ostensibly a straightpacket, the 25menute slot his been lurred to triumphent advertage with a brisk and economical narrative style which gets straight to the point and stays there. The standard of writing, despite using many different hands, is uniformly high but perhaps the greatest strength of The Bill is being able to explort a large, well-drawn, and impeccably cast set of characters which is constantly freshened with new arrivals. This week, in a cautionary tale about drinking and driving, it is the turn of dour Sgt Penny (Roger Leach) to take centre stage. (Oracle)

8.30 Strike it Lucky. Game show with 9.00 Boon. Canne problems for the security firm, and Ken thinks it's a dog's life Rocky has to agree, he has been hired to hunt a sheep dog and thinks he may be barking up the wrong tree.

10.00 News at Ten with Alastian Burnet and Sandy Gall 10.30 Thames News

and weather 10.40 Viewpornt '90: Dear Mr Gorbachev. • CHOICE Michael Grigsby, who has used his impressionistic style on several fine documentaries about Northern Ireland, ofters an unusual perspective on five years of Gorbachev by interviewing ordinary people from around the world who we written letters to him. The choice is

5.00 Noah's Ark. Conquite National Park is home to South America's most active

parrots, woodpeckers, skunks and

park's abundant woodlands (r)

on issues faced by the disabled

5.30 Same Difference. Series focusing

venefits which could flow

8.00 A Different World, American sitcom

following the antics of college students 6.30 Vic Reeves Big Night Out. The salf-

with unwanted back and meets Mr

Populas and his doughnuts (r)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and

academic Dr Catherine Hills pr

Britain's relationship with Europe in

the past; Toyah Willcox on a tour of

generated image of the London Basilica

Etamal Life. Nuradeen Durkee, a Suff

living in Alexandria, explains the meaning of Suffism in this second of

three films about Suffern, someth

described as "Islamic Mysticism"

logical issues. Includes a look at

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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Fury pasys himself in this musical comody ser expand a second; surmous arrow 3.30 Requiem for a Heavyweight (1962) Anthony Clumn stars as a lighter

wome cared demand the ropes of financia.

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7.50 Comment followed by Weather

8.00 Down to Earth. Cambridge

as it was in the year 200 8.50 Suffism: The Heart of latem -

polecats get on with their lives in the

resented by Libby Cross and Mark

Todd. A report from Glasgow by Natalie Markham on the National Disability

Arts Forum, a UK-wide initiative in the disability arts field and some of the

proclaimed king of light entertainment Vic Reeves shows us what to do

voicano, but mountain goats,

4.30 Filtran-to-One

AND RADIO 21

Letters to president Gorbachev (10.40pm) random and nothing obviously links a carpenter from east Germany, an Italian anstocrat and a 13-year-old Irish girl beyond their correspondence with the Soviet leader. The motives vary. A poor housewife in Pennsylvania offers her modest savings for the relief of Armenian earthquake victims, while a Vietnam veteran who saw his close friend die in action pleads with Gorbachev to be sympathetic to post-traumatic stress among troops returning from Alghanistan. News clips recalling the Gorbachev era help to pull the disparate elements together but Grigsby leaves it to the viewer to impose a pattern or find a message 11.40 Snooker: The World Matchplay.

Further coverage of the quarter final game between Stephen Hendry and Dean Reynolds, from the Brentwood Centre, Essex 12.30em Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.30 Video View presented by Mariella Frostrup Followed by News headlines 2.00 60 Minutes. Award-winning news

magazine series from the United States
3.00 Donahue. Phil Donahue talks to couples about the reasons why they have split up Followed by News 4.00 Entertainment UK. The weekly

guide to the latest in entertainment from all over the country 5.00 ITN Morrang News with Phil Roman Ends at 6.00

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group (r). (Teletext)

10.00 Film: My Boyfrend's Back (1989). A
television producer hits upon the idea of
staging a concert of Soities music with original stars. The Boultants are contacted 25 years after their hit single and long since they split up over "artistic differences", with a view to their forming the centreplece of the concert. But the trio of women are now leading very separate lives and, when they are reunited, old grievances quickly resurface. Enjoyable comedy-drama with Sandy Duncan. Jill Eikenberry and Judith Light. Directed by Paul Schneider

11.50 Opinions: A Corner in the Thing Love. Elizabeth Cook, writer and scademic, takes a stroll through London's Sono to find out more about pomography in Britain She finds it uelled by "hatred, fear and ignorance" and admits to being disturbed by the extreme sexual fixtred she encountered Yet she calls not for more legislation. but for a society which does not equate

featuring country singer/songwriter Nanci Griffigh, Ends at 1,25

9.00 AIDS Now: Being Positiva, Eight people, half of whom are HIV positive, and half of whom are not, take part in an expenment in which they spend a week living together in an isolated house in Scotland. The programme shows the fears and prejudices which emerge, follows the group's efforts to deal with practical matters, and records discussions held among the

the sexual with the invational 12.20am Lonesome Pine Specials

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8.35 Composers of the Week:
Martinů (Shimmy Foxtrot:
Preque Symphony Orchestra
under Elkintik et Copertino
for cello, wind instruments,
piano and percussion:
Collegium Musicum Pragense
under Vainer with Sasa

under Vainer with Sasa Vectomov, cello; Preludes (salection): Emil Leichner,

Antonin Moravec, violin, Otakar Vondrovic, piano: Jazz suite, Kitchen Revue — Karel

Diouny, clarinet, Jiří Formáček,

trumpet, Bruno Bělčik, violin, Mãos Sadio, cello, Frantisek

bassoon. Václav Junek,

Rauch, piano 9.35 A Mention in Despatches

(Four Norwegian Moods: Cleveland Orchestra under Chailty); Greg (Violin Sonata No 1, Op 8: Dmitry Sidtovetsky, volan, Bella Daudde

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RADIO 3

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100th anniversary of his birth.
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movement); The Parable of the
Garden (Parables); The Greek
Passon (finale), interspersed
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Jacffich Feld, Oldfich Korle,
Jan Harus and Musart
i Cello and Piano: Andrez

4.45 Celo and Piano: Andrez Bauer, cello and Eva Bauer, piano, perform Lutosiawski (Grave): Debussy (Sonata): Branns (Sonata): E minor)

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Br

7.05 Third Early vol. The Arting and philosophy
7.30 The Berlin PO under Simon
Rattle performs Bartok (Musfor strings, percussion and
celesta), Rechmaninov

celesta), Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2)

9.05 Drame Now: Thinking of You.

• CHOICE: Listening to Julian Gamer's delicately possed play about a TB sufferer in a sanatorium (Pip Torrens) who pens love letters on behalf of an illiterate fellow petient (Klaan McKenns) to his adoring wife (Gallan Beven), the thought occurs: would the play have seen the light of day

the thought occurs: would the play have seen the light of day if Rostand had not written

Cyrano de Bergerac? Never mind Garner proves that

there's still some mileage latt

in the romantic amenuensis,

and the play's denouement may well disorientate you if you assume that Thinking of You, which unfolds with the uncomplicated ease of those

afternoon plays we used to

hear on the good old Home

Service, has nothing hidden up its sleave 10.15 imagen Cooper, plano, performs Schubert (Impromptu No 3 in 8 flat, D 935; Sonata in

A, D 959) (r)
11.10 Dona Paula: Norman Rockway
reads the test of four short
stones by Mechado de Assa.
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11.30 Composers of the Week:

minor, Op 22 (r) 12.50-12.35 News 1.00-2.25am Night School (FM

ninded of her past

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Wright
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: V.S. Pritchett on his

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Today's point of discussion is the Middle East ones — 071-500 4411 10.00 News, Middle Now with Goot! Walts

Geoff Weiter

10.30 Morning Story: Albert and the Liner by Keith Waterhouse

10.45 Daily Service (s)

11.00 News; Citizens (s)

11.25 From Our Own Correspondent

11.50 Toles of Earth and Water:
Niget Berkey takes an anthropological ramble through indonesia (3 of 5) (s)

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm Quote... Unquote. The popular guidation geme (s)

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1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping

2.00 News; Woman's Hour; Topics

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2.32 (LW only) Richard Baker
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12.55 Weather (s) 1.00 This World at One

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leader George Lanebury who uled in 1940 and talks to Bob

Theetre, London, and an exhibition of contemporary southings at the Angela Flowers Gettery. East London; lentures on the best records of the year and the work of Argentinian tango managin Carlo Gardel, anomously popular in his homeland where saterains columnating the 100th anniversary of his death (8)

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asks how a war in the Gulf would affect British —milital

rules about the Third World.

4: Former Grantians parliamentary correspondent Cameron Duodu considers inhether Africa can do without

multi-party democracy (r)
8.45 in Touch. The magazine for
the blind and partially sighted
investigates new portable
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Laure Taylor (r) (s)
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Weather 12.33-12.43

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TODAY 14 YEARS AGO. KNOCKANDO YOU REMEMBER?

Mao Tse-tung's widow and three of her fellow radicals languish in jail. The authorities describe this 'Gang of Four' as 'filthy and contemptible like dog's dung! €6

A British drug company announces that it is about to launch a once-a-year contraceptive pill.

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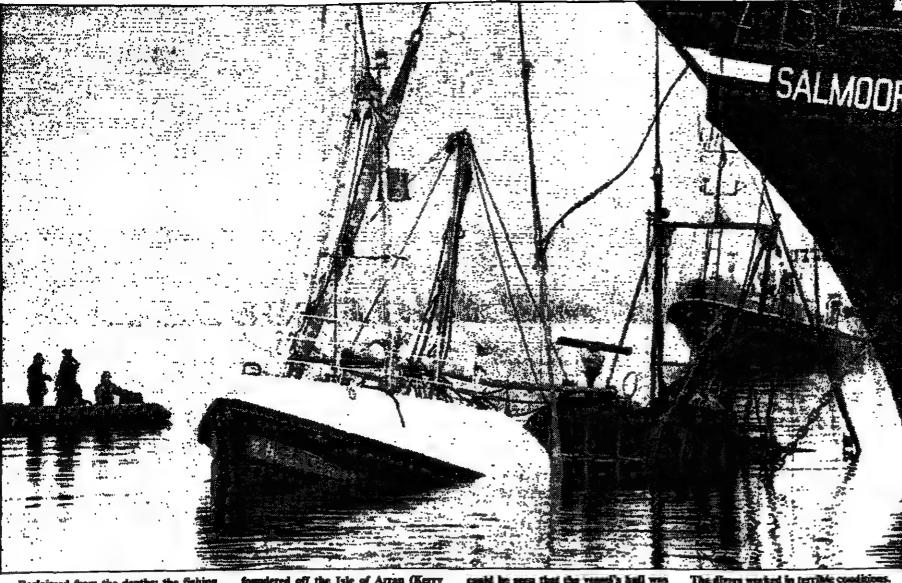
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Reclaimed from the depths: the fishing boat Autares being lifted to the surface in the Firth of Clyde last night, more than two weeks after HMS Trenchant, the Royal Navy suclear-powered submarine, dragged her underwater, taking four Scottish fishermen to their deaths. Yesterday's lifting off Bute came after

foundered off the Isle of Arran (Kerry, Gill writes). The bodies of three crew members were recovered before the weekend but there is still no sign of William Martindale, aged 24, of Carradale, Kintyre, the fourth man. Bad weather prevented salvage work at the weekend. Yesterday, as the weather cleared and the seas calmed, the opera-

could be seen that the veget's hall was still intact apart from a gash in the port how. The wheelhouse was covered in hawsers and rigging. Commander David Keogh, in charge of the salvage opera-tion, said: "There was a force ten gale on Saturday which caused major problems and held up the operation. As with any salvage attempt, things go wrong, but we were determined to raise the Antonia.

The divers worked in terrible condition We searched Anteres twice and found three bodies, but with visibility so limited there is still a good chance that the fourth body is lying near where the wreck was." handed over to the police who, with the transport department and the defence ministry, are investigating her foes.

Hurd proposes new Nato force for emergencies

BRITISH forces in Germany may become part of a new European unit within the North Atlantic Alliance which could be deployed outside the Nato area in the event of another international emer-

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, suggested this move last night in a speech in Berlin. He appeared to be seeking a middle ground between demands by Italy, France and Germany that the European Community should develop its own defence policy and Anglo-American fears that this could undermine Nato.

The proposal formed part of a concerted effort by the government to set a positive atmosphere for the EC summit in Rome. avoiding disputes. His speech idestepped the most controvermes and government prepared to sources were only comment on those aspects of a joint initiative by President Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl

with which the government

agrees. Mr Hurd's proposal does not mean that the British Army of the Rhine would cease to be fully British, or that Britain would lose control of its command.

While the matter has been discussed in outline by Nato ministers, the question of command has not yet been addressed. It is seen as an effort to retain all the important elements of the alliance and Britain's part in it, while giving it a European flavour to appeal more to Bonn, Paris and Mr Hurd said: "How to build a

genuine European security identity will be one of the themes of the inter-governmental conference on political union," (which opens in Rome on Saturday) He added: "Britain will have

proposals to make and will listen attentively to the proposals of A government source said this would also be Britain's approach on other issues, implicitly includ-

ing an Anglo-German proposal

that virtually all decisions should be taken by majority vote.

The source said the force could consist of about 75,000 men made up of units from each member country. Most would be based in their own countries except during exercises, but Britain's contribution would be the army of the

As the speech was given in Germany, and German journalists were called to the British embassy in Bonn to discuss it, there was speculation that part of the aim was to make a continuing British presence in Germany acceptable to German public opinion.

It appears, however, that the was more to boost the acceptability of Germany's co tinuing membership of Nato by linking it to Western European union. The force would, however, include American units, and the European element would not be entirely separate.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Phillip Howard

Answers on page 20, column 1

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Letters, page 15

Peugeot pay deal ignores the government's warning

By TIM JONES AND KEVIN EASON

Government warnings that employers and unions must curb wage-led inflation if Britain is to avoid widespread job losses went unheeded yesterday with the news that unions and management at Peugeot Talbot had agreed a generous two-year deal for assem-

bly workers at Ryton, Coventry. Union leaders admitted the award, under which pay, including allowances, will rise from about £230 a week on average to £274 a week for assembly workers by January 1, 1992, was above inflation but emphasised it was a reward for large productivity improvements at the plant over the past few years.

Manual workers in the industry have been setting the pace for above inflation rises and the Peugeot Talbot agreement creates a big challenge for the government as thousands of other workers have made clear they expected rises which would maintain and improve their living standard.

The Peugeot Talbot deal will be worth 10.5 per cent in new money in the first year from January 1, even though figures due out on

WEATHER

Friday are expected to show inflation down to 9.7 per cent and set to fall further next year. Peugeot said that the rest of the deal contained substantial ele-ments of profits bonus and incentives to help the with further improvements in efficiency.

Ryton workers will get an extra 1.5 per cent as part of a job restructuring exercise plus another 2.5 to 3 per cent in profits bonuses. The second year will bring 7 per cent plus a 2.5 per cent profits award. The deal comes at a time, however, when Peugeot has been hit by the recession in new car sales in Britain and will be reducing output at Ryton from 2,400 a week to 2,300 a week.

Jaguar has awarded its 9,000 manual workers 12.5 per cent this year and Rover agreed to 11 per Unions leaders representing 500,000 town hall workers and 150,000 workers in the electricity industry have said they expec rises above inflation, while workers involved in the offshore oil and gas catering industry have been offered 14.5 per cent.

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Political sketch

Rave review for a priceless panto

were freezing in our homes ..."-Andy Stewart (C, Sherwood) was paying tribute to electricity linesmen - "they were freezing on the

MIKE WILKINS

Missing Mrs Thatcher's stern presence, the government front bench could not contain themselves. Some doubled up with laughter. Norman Tebbit grinned like a skull. MPs are mostly little boys at beart.

Sometimes fate, or the climate. brings us pantomime at West-minster which is simply too good to be true. A fictional sketch in which an opposition spokesman blamed the weather on the government would be too crass to be credible; a spluttering Roy Hattersley as opposition spokesman, would be unoriginal.

A smooth Tory minister, taking credit for the electricity linesmen, the police, the army and British Rail, would lose by exaggeration. That Mr Kenneth Baker should play this role would be obvious to the point of farce.

The farce occurred, yesterday afternoon, in the Commons. Mr Hattersley asked the government what it was going to do about the weather. Mr Baker, as home secretary, proudly listed achievements during this emergency.

"Unduly harsh weather," announced Mr Baker, with the confidence which attends an utterly redundant statement, "always presents us with new

He followed this bombshell with a remark calculated to perplex even students of advanced statistics. "It was the most severe blizzard quite so early for a number of years." How much less severe was the next most severe blizzard, next most early, in as many years? Discuss.

Mr Hattersley sat quietly, puffing his cheeks in and out, working up the appropriate outrage. On cue, he exploded.

"There's a feeling in the country, of ... surprise," he protested.
"Why weren't British Rail prepared?" How was it that "some homes were without water for a day?" ... "Thousands of home-

Birmingham's Andrew Har-greaves (C) then made the mistake of boasting that he had been stuck on the M6. That started the lot of them off. Stuck on the M6? You didn't know you'd been born, unless you'd been "sta-tionary on the M6 for 18 hours," like Ivan Lawrence QC (C. Burton), "fortunately in the com-pany of my wife". A hundred

hearts went out to Mrs Lawrence. "As one who survived 18% hours on the M6" (Labour's Robert Wareing went one better) would the government consider setting up "a network of climatologists, economists, and of-ficials ... "And if they, too, got stuck on the M6 ..?

There to meet Gerry Bermingham (L, St Helens S) "as one who was stuck for 10-16 hours..." - some of us think Mr Bermingham has been stuck for rather longer - "... had it not been for two coachloads of young soldiers ..." I looked up in sudden interest; but they had only

MPs, climatologists, officials economists and two coachloads of young soldiers, stuck for an eternity on the M6... the whole thing testered giddily between Feydeau and Kafka.

"I understand," said Mr Baker, looking tenderly at Robert Banks (C. Harrogate) "that he was nearly killed. And I'm glad that the tree did not fall on the room where he was sleeping." Only a Tory MP, talking to another, would feel that worth affirming Mr Banks glanced, with an expression of grateful surprise, in Mr Baker's direction.

The home secretary turned to praise Dame Elaine Kellett-Bow man (C, Lancaster), who had told him that she had "set the alarm for 3,30 am, and left at 3.45" (though frankly her disarray was no more pronounced than usual). "She's a credit to us all," Baker told us, "Nothing would stop

"She's a snow-plough" came an ungaliant voice not unlike that of Labour's John Prescott. "On behalf of the Liberal

Democrats "May I extend our condolence (this was Truro's Matthew Taylor) "... congratulate the linesmen ..." (it hasn't even snowed in Truro!) "... emergency services ..." Aargh!

MATTHEW PARRIS

Official blizzard enquiry

were unable to reach the Browns Lane plant while maintenance teams discovered damage in some

of the company's premises.

The company said last night that as a result of disruption to assembly schedules, 4,500 workers at Coventry and another 400 at

would be laid off until next week. Mr Rifkind's announcement came as MPs returned to Westtempts to visit their constituenbeing stuck in their cars for hours. Their complaints drew

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, the disclosure that the authorities were considering closing urban motorways in severe weather to stop motorists becoming stranded.

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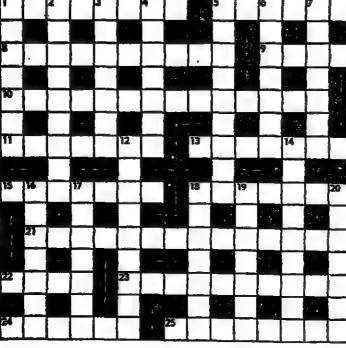
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The strongest criticism came from MPs representing seats in the North and the Midlands, and whose cars had been to motorway snowdrifts. Ivan Lawrence, Tory MP for Burton, provoked laughter when he said he had been sustained during his 18hour wait near the Corley services on the M6 only by the company of his wife and "good Burton beer" kept for emergencies.

YESTERDAY

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18.474



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- 7 Sleeve in man's coat, for example (7).
- 12 Reserved first passage on Queen in state (9). Forecast moving date is met (9). 16 The Navy gets under way in short film (7).
- 17 Freedom for the French is on the river (7), 18 Girl sustaining a rising note of
- praise (7). Kind of fly on a biblical animal

20 Our old favourite remedy (7).

ern England will be cloudy with patchy light rain. Wales and central and north-west England will be mainly dry with sunny spells. Scotland and Northern Ireland will start dry and bright, but rain spreading from the north-west may fall as snow over high ground in Scotland. Eastern Scotland will be brighter and mainly dry. Outlook: brighter with dry spells, but rain in the North-West. AROUND BRITAIN ABROAD

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From Dan White in dublin

GOODMAN International, the debt-laden Irish meat group, had a rescue plan accepted by its bankers after a meeting with the examiner appointed by courts to oversee the group's affairs.

The examiner will seek the approval of the High Court in Dublin today for the plan.

Representatives from 33 banks that are owed more than Ir£500 million (£454 million) by Goodman met at the investment Bank of Ireland to discuss the company's fate.

Larry Goodman will merge with 40 per cent of the restructured company immediately. It will be known as Clare International. If profit targets are met, his share-holding could climb to 90 per cent by 1997.

Mr Goodman will remain as chief executive, but he will be assisted by a new finance director, a new chairman and two further non-executive directors. These must be acceptable to the banks but will be chosen by Mr Goodman.

Interest payments on more than half of the Ir£510 million of debt will be frozen until

Mr Goodman's demand that he be given immunity from legal action from the banks was also a sticking

The plan splits the Ir£510 million Goodman debt into four parts. The lr£168 million owed to Goodman International by the Iraqis will bear no interest. Neither will a further Ir£103 million of "rump" debt. There will be an Ir£100 million term interest loan bearing interest at the Dublin interbank rate plus 2 per cent and an Ir£134 million "asset" loan bearing interest at 2 per cent over Dibor.

Peter Fitzpatrick, the examiner, reckons that the workout plan could be worth up to 73p in the pound to the banks, assuming that the Iraq debt will be repaid. If the Iraq debt is written off the maximum value of the workout falls to 53p in the pound.

Oil prices edge up

CRUDE oil prices edged higher, carried along by higher refined product prices, after news of the temporary closure of Saudi Arabia's Ras Tannurah refinery after a fire. In London, January Brent

crude futures were up 32 cents per barrel at \$27.50. In New York, light crude oil futures for January stood 32 cents per barrel higher at \$26.90. Another bullish factor in the oil market is the cold weather.

Fairfax crashes John Fairfax, Australia's old-

est newspaper empire, has been put into provisional liquidation. The main creditors are the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group and Citibank. Empire ends, page 13

THE POUND

US dollar 1.9455 (-0.0055) German mark 2.8609 (-0.0197) Exchange index 93.3 (-0.2)

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Tokyo Nikkei Avge 23784.67 (+262.18)

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INTEREST RATES

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3-month Treasury Bills 6.86-6.85%*
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Levitt 'urged to contact Fimbra'

STOY Hayward, auditor to the collapsed Levitt Group, refused to sign off the company's 1989 accounts in June because the finan-cial information provided was "unsatisfactory".

Moreover, in October, after Levitt, one of the largest financial services groups in Britain, failed to fill these gaps, Stoy Hayward advised the company to contact Fimbra, the watchdog to try to clarify Levitt's position. The auditors have been co-operating with Fimbra for the past eight weeks.

Roger Levitt, the group's chair-man, was pushed to resign as a director of the main company by Fimbra two weeks ago but has Auditor refused to sign off 1989 accounts

because 'information was unsatisfactory'

Roger Roberts, a spokesman for Stoy Hayward, said Levitt had been a client since 1977. "We have had a long relationship with the company but we have not signed the 1989 accounts because we were not happy with the information out

"There were several holes which Levitt just did not fill in and we

remained chairman of the holding exerted pressure on the company in October to contact Fimbra."

The fate of Levitt hung in the balance last night as officials met to decide whether to place the firm in receivership. Members of KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock were meeting to decide the best course of action. Fimbra confirmed that it has been investigating the affairs of visit on October 8. It said in a

statement that its statutory and contractual powers had been used with a view to protecting client funds, initiating board and management changes, as well as a change in controlling ownership, and injecting additional capital. "The company has been unable to meet all Fimbra's requirements and applied for an administrator to

The four institutions who had

Levitt Group, Legal & General, Chase Manhattan, General Accident and Commercial Union, refused to comment further on

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The institutions paid Mr Levitt £24.6 million in return for their stakes. Fears were voiced that they stand to lose "several million pounds" in indemnity commission, paid upfront in return for life assurance and pension business. But two of the groups said privately that they had written little new business with the company since taking their stakes.

Attention is likely to be focused on the activities of LIT Holdings, the financial services group, which paid £12.3 million for a 24.5 per

Holdings in March 1988. LIT was obliged to take up an additional stake in the group if certain profit targets were met.

LIT paid £4.25 million for a further 8.8 per cent stake in February 1989, taking its total investment in the company to 33.3 per cent. The shareholding was repurchased by Mr Levitt for £15.5 million in January 1990. Michael Middlemas, who negotiated the original deal with Mr Levitt. resigned as chief executive of LIT in August 1989.

Mr Middlemas refused to return telephone calls last night LIT made a £3 million provision in the 1989 accounts to cover its losses on

Shop sales signal lean Christmas

Although the weakening

another half per cent last contrary from the Bank, threemonth after a 1.1 per cent drop in October, prompting fears that retailers are heading for a lean Christmas to end a

While the provisional vol-ume retail sales numbers provided fresh evidence of recession, producer price data suggested that underlying

inflation may have peaked. The pound softened after the data, but the foreign exchange market focused on the dollar, which fell to a low of DM1.4675 at one stage.
Sterling followed the dollar down for much of the session

on the back of singuish oil prices, the prospect of interest rate cuts, and speculation about an early general elec-

down on Friday's close at

RETAIL sales figures fell despite repeated signals to the will be badly hit. at 131/2-13% per cent.

> domestic economy is widely seen in the City as justifying a further base rate cut, possibly as early as Friday after the November inflation figures are published, the pound has fallen to its lowest level against the mark since Britain joined the exchange-rate mechanism of the European

Fresh fears of a possible rise in German interest rates also depressed sterling, reducing market hopes of a quick cut in British interest rates because the ERM constrains the government's room for monetary manoeuvre.

The Central Statistical Of-But the pound ended in London only slightly lower at \$1.9455, while against the mark, helped by talks of rate continued full in sales contradicted the latest consumer dicted the latest consumer credit figures, which showed a perplexing surge in borrowing on a broad front.

City forecasters had pointed

to a slight recovery in retail e uditional start of the Christmes 93.3. In the money markets, shopping season. But with bad where expectations of early weather hampering shopping base rate cuts have been high, last weekend, some analysts

fear crucial December sales Keith Skeoch, chief econo-

mist at James Capel, said a below-average December after the sharp falls in recent months would be a "disaster" for the retail trade.

Factory gate prices, widely considered a reliable guide to core inflation, gained 0.2 per cent in November for an annual rise of 5.8 per cent in November, down from 5.9 per cent in October. Manufacturers' fired and raw

material costs showed an encouraging drop of 0.2 per cent in November, for a 2.4 per cent fall in the last 12 months, after a 0.7 per cent fall in the year to October.

Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB International,

enid: "The domestic case for a rate cut remains strong. Retail sales are weaker, producer prices are better than ex-pected, with input prices still reflecting disinflationary con-Jim O'Neill, currency an-

alyst at Swiss Bank Corp, said that with the economy imploding, a base rate cut would need for risky moves.



FLYING HIGH: David Crossland (left), chairman of Airtours, the UK's fourth largest nuckage tour operator, and Hugh Collinson. good year after reporting a 21 per cest increase in pre-tax profits to \$6.3 million for the 12 comment, page 25 manufacts to the end of September.

the end of one chapter in

Berisford's recovery, and the

start of another. "Now as we

move into the next phase, the

profit and loss account is more

significant. Central to the next few weeks will be the defining

of a focus for Berisford's on-

going business."

Mr Sciater thanked the

advisers and 68 banks for their

support. The banks agreed a £1.2 billion refinancing in

September. The results reiterate the damage to Beris-

ford by its ill-fated decision in

the Eighties, to diversify into

property. The problems began

in New York, but its British

Despite a £12.5 million

provision only three months

before the year-end, a further

£72.7 million has been written

off the value of the British

property portfolio, taking total

provisions to £85.2 million. This forms the main part of a

pany to report a £96.1 million loss at the pre-tax level.

The minous slide in New

York property values has

continued. Despite the \$234

million provision at interim

time, the company has made

further \$86.8 million pro-

visions taking write-offs to over \$400 million.

discovered a bank manager was helping

drug traffickers to launder funds through

his branch after they arrested a man with

six kilogrammes of heroin. The manager

The guidelines have been produced by

the British Bankers' Association, the

Building Societies Association and the

NDIU. It comes in response to the

Group of Seven task force's report on

The working party is now looking at

ways to prevent money laundering

through insurance and investment com-

panies. A Whitehall inter-departmental

group is also looking at ways to tackle the

informal financial sector, including casi-

nos, car auctions and bureaux de change

was jailed for four years.

money laundering last year.

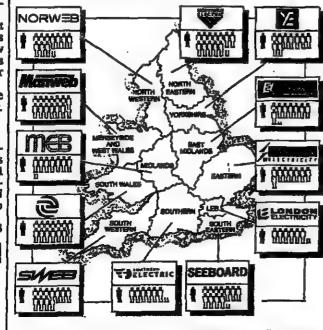
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achemes are now hit.

The company, which has announced plans to launch its own airline next spring, was "now ideally placed to take advantage of the better balance of supply and demand for holidays," Mr Crowland caid.

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Power cut for investors



electricity distribution companies, with, as had been expected, wide regional vari-

THE government has an-numered the levels of alloca-tion in the flotation of the 12 levels of oversubscription from case of Landon and So

Pakistan counts millions

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The measures are aimed to halt the roll or a credit reference agency to ensure

INHABITANTS of Pakistan's decade. The fifth census of Paki-

last tents, dried-mud houses and those of its palatial man-stan's 43-year history began sions have all been counted in on November 22, But by the a census to find out how much time the results are released in the population of one of the about six months' time, hunworld's fastest-growing countries has increased in the past will have been born.

By NEIL BENNEIT

BANKS and building societies are being

urged to recognise drug money launder-

ing and report it to police under Bank of

billions of pounds of drug money flowing

through the financial industry each year.

Bank staff are being trained to spot

suspicious transactions, particularly un-

usually large cash deposits, foreign

exchange deals, or the use of forged notes

Banks have to report transactions to

The midelines call for mistorious to

the National Drug Intelligence Unit at

Scotland Yard. The unit will then call in

England guidelines.

special investigators.

or bonds.

Slimmer Berisford Opel expands eastward still loses £326m

By MATTHEW BOND

BERISFORD International, which announced the £880 million sale of British Sugar to Associated British Foods, made losses of £326 million in the year to September.
John Sciater, the chairman,

who succeeded Ephraim Marguiles in March, described the results as "very poor". He added they had been affected by big provisions on British property, high interest costs, poor trading results and lack of confidence in the compa-ny's financial soundness. No interim dividend (1.8p) or final (4.4p) is being paid. Berisford's shares fell 6.5p to 22p, despite a pro forma

balance sheet showing net assets per share of 73p after the disposal of British Sugar. Analysis are concerned about Berisford minus British Sugar. Bristar, Berisford's food business division, is domi-nated by British Sugar and was

the only division to make a profit in 1990, contributing £121.2 million exceptional £111 million to pre-tax profits. item, which caused the com-After the British Sugar sale, pany to report a £96.1 million Berisford's year-end net debt of £922 million has fallen to £247 million, taking gearing below 70 per cent. At their peak, borrowings were £1.2

Peter Jacobs, Berisford's chief executive, was delighted with the British Sugar sale. "British Sugar is going to a good home," he said. Mr

show a passport or a fell driving licence his account. In another case, police

Banks hunt drug cash launderers

before they are allowed to open an

account. The guidelines say that even

birth certificates can be obtained too

Banks will also now check the voters'

Since work started on the guidelines,

the number of tip-offs to the police about

suspicious transactions has surged -

1,700 this year compared with 1,200 in

1989. Detective Inspector Tim Wren, of

NDIU, said a fifth of these reports open a

cocaine factory in Europe. The anti-drug

unit was told of a customer who

transferred money to Peru then regularly

One tip-off led to the discovery of a

case or add to an existing one.

easily for use as full identification.

a customer has given his real address.

Sciator said the sale marked

DM1 billion on a new car factory in Eisenach, eastern

Opel, General Motors' Ger- Germany. General Motors has man car manufacturing sub- also been in talks with Bratissidiary, says it is to sign a lavake Automobile Zavody contract on Thursday to spend about producing gearboxes.

DMSba Skoda joke, page 25

SmithKline shuffles boardroom

By Jonathan Prynn

SMITHKLINE Beecham, the Anglo American pharmaceuticals group, is to give non-executive directors a majority voice in its boardroom through a major restructuring of its senior management.

The board of 20 will be cut to 16, comprising seven executive and nine non-executive directors. Until now, the board has been equally split between executive and nonexecutive members.

The restructuring also brings Alain Gomez, chairman and chief executive of Thompson, the French electronics group, onto the Smith-Kline Beecham main board. Henry Wendt, the group's chairman, said: "Following

the merger last year, our focus has been on the successful creation of a new company. As we move to the next phase our focus is on directing the development of SmithKline Beecham as a growing force in

in the boardroom. We believe the board should reflect the transitional nature of our company. We also believe a board smaller than the present 20 members is now approsuccessful corporate governance now and in fixture requires a board comprised of a majority of non-executive directors experienced in cor-

the restructuring but will remain as members of the group's executive committee.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Bond restructuring

THE restructuring of Alan Bond's Bond Corp has been put in

jeopardy by the appointments of provisional liquidators to JN Taylor Holdings, a subsidiary, by Justice Debelle in the supreme court of South Australia. The appointments, after

applications by 28 preference shareholders, were stayed pen-

ding a Taylor appeal. The appointments could trigger a chain

reaction and threaten a debt-for-equity swap plan that would

leave Bond Corp 90 per cent-controlled by European

If the provisional liquidators seek to recover Aus\$377

million (£110 million) in loans owned by Bond companies.

Bond Corp would soon fall into liquidation. At its last

balance date, Bond Corp had Aus\$1.7 million cash and assets of Aus\$2.6 million, with liabilities of Aus\$1.2 billion.

for Marling

PRE-TAX profits at Marting

industries, the scatbelt

maker and car bodywork

group, fell from £4.4 million to £2,8 million for the six

months to end-September.

Sales were up 5 per cent to

£58.8 million. Pressure on

margins had been felt in

Spain, France, Italy and The

Netherlands. The interim

dividend is unchanged at

Foreign sales:

OVERSEAS sales growth

helped push interim pre-tax

profits at Halma, the special-

ist environmental products

group, up 10 per cent to £6.2

million for the six months to

end-September. The in-

crease was achieved on sales

ahead 10 per cent to £389

million, with overseas sales

up 25 per cent. The interim dividend is lifted 30 per cent

help Halma

Seton aims to Interim fall

Oriflame profit halved

ORIFLAME, the London-listed Swedish cosmetics group,

has provided £1.5 million against potential losses on an

investment is commercial paper, made chiefly through Morgan Grenfell, and has "terminated" its eight-year relationship with the financial adviser. Oriflame revealed its

first fall in carnings for 15 years, reporting pre-tax profits down from £4.46 million to £2.22 million, including

Earnings fell from 7.8p a share to 6.5p, but the interim

dividend is kept at 4p a share, reflecting "strong cash

resources" and "good prospects". Excluding the provision trading profits fell from £4.5 million to £3.7 million.

Creighton's advances

CREIGHTON'S Naturally, the Unlisted Securities Market-

quoted toiletries and fragrances group, has regained the ground it lost last year after difficulties in the American

Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September show a

rise from £117,000 to £502,000, on sales of £5.57 million, up

from £3.85 million. Earnings per share rose from 1.7p to 7.1p

and the interim dividend is 1.8p (1.6p). Richard Collard, the company's chairman, said: "The board expects the current financial year to be one of continued recovery for the company." The shares rose 15p to 135p.

provisions, for the six months to the end of September.

raise £2.9m

SETON Healthcare Group.

the sports and health goods

maker, is raising £2.9 mil-tion through a 135p, one-for-

eight share offer and pur-

chasing two muscular pain-

relief cream brands from

Reckitt & Colman for £1.35

million. Seton had pre-tax

profits of £658,000 for the

six months to end-August

(£387,000). There is a 0.4p

interim dividend (nil).

Whitecroft

falls to £3.6m

THE commercial property

slump has contributed to a

halving of interim pre-tax profits to £3.6 million at

Whitecroft, the industrial

holding company. Property profits fell from £2.8 million

to £614,000 in the six

months to end-September.

Profits in textiles and build-

ing products fell but the

lighting side improved. The dividend is held at 4.6p.

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Provisions of £106m for 3i bring slump at half time

Britain's largest investment capital company, slumped now moderate from £133.4 million to just Some areas of £18.1 million during the half remain resilien

to end-September. Provisions of £106.4 million, reflecting a drop in the value of investments, were the largest single factor in the decline. The group was also hit by a fall in proceeds from realisations, largely as a result of property investments that are being unwound.

Net assets per share fell 7.84 per cent during the first half. During the same period, the FTA 500 index was down 12.1

David Marlow, chief executive, said the results "rewhat is happening in British Industry". He stressed, however, that 3i retained a long-term approach to its inrestment strategy.

More emphasia is being placed on finding opportu-nities overseas. Only a fifth of 3i's investment portfolio is presently located abroad.

Group income during the first half rose 9 per cent to £172.5 million. Profits on realisations, less losses, fell 40 per cent to £87.4 million, Costs rose almost £2.4 million to £37.2 million. An "efficiency review" led to 78 in trading income from £25.2

PRE-TAX profits at 3i Group, 3i's staff of 923. Mr Marlow believes cost increases should

Some areas of 3i's business remain resilient. The company funded 59 start-ups during the first half, compared with 114 for the whole of 1989. The company also backed 51 management buyouts, against 116 in the whole of 1989. Mr Marlow said that large buyouts were now rare, but overall the market was

"holding up very well."

Subsidiaries of groups going into receivership were providing a fruitful source of demand

Mr Marlow declined to say how many companies backed by 3i are in trouble as a result of the recession, although he conceded that more were receiving close attention. In the wake of an Inland

Revenue ruling in October, 3i can now present its accounts as an investment company. That will enable it to detail its revenues without being obliged to offset changes in the

value of its investments against them. In the first half, the newstyle accounts show a rise in dividend and interest income from investments to £130.3 million, accompanied by a fall

redundancies last month from to £7.8 million. Pensioner **BET** to sell Anglian takes on By OUR CITY STAFF

selling Anglian Windows to its sale or flotation of the busimanagement for £82 million. At the beginning of the year, analysis estimated that Anglian and Boulton & Paul, the joinery business, could fetch £350 million. Boulton & Paul failed to receive any acceptable offers and BET withdrew it from sale last month.

BET will receive £52 million in cash for Anglian with the remainder in five-year loan notes at an annual 12 per cent interest. The group may

BET, the services group, is also have a share in any future

million and was purchased by BET in 1984 for £33 million. The business is expected to make profits, before tax and

year to March 1991. BET shares rose 2p to 162p.

COMPANY BRIEFS

ear despite difficult trading

there has been no significant

the current year.

Airsprung Furniture (int) Interim dividend held to "modest" Pre-tax: £1.35m (£903,000)increase due to need to conserve EPS: 7.89p (4.67p) Hoskins Brawery (Int) Current trading at "satisfactory Pre-tax: £42,000 (£48,000) level." Chairman says company well EPS: 0.79p (0.78p)

Div: nii (nii) TMD Advertising (Fin) Pre-tax: £3.01m (£2.2m) EPS: 21.3p (18.3p) Div: 19.7p (16.3p) Robertson Group (Int) Pre-tax: £2.61m (£2.74m)

EPS: 3.3p (3.5p) Div:0.95p (0.867p) The Cronite Group (Fin) Pre-tax: £1.22m (£2.3m)

EPS: 7p (11.2p) Div: 2.5p (2.5p) I Morris (Saltaire) (Int) Pre-tax: £6,000 (-£204,000) ness. Anglian's management, led by Bill Hancock, chief executive, is backed by Legal & General Ventures, Barclays is principal banker to the

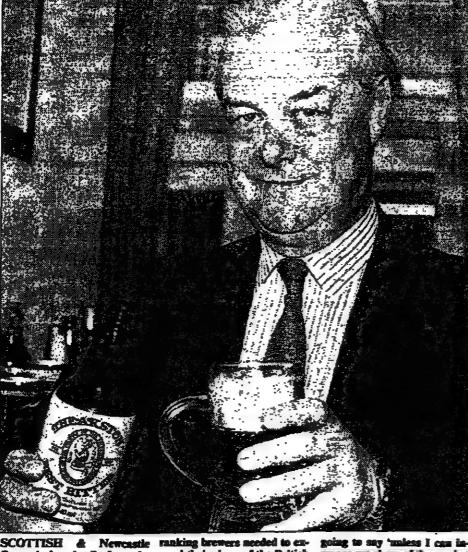
Anglian has not assets of £20

interest, of £10 million for the

cancelled by the company. Mr Gaisford retired in 1984. cash during period of high interest As a senior manager he qualified for Philips' corporate insurance plan administered placed to enhance profits from by Private Patients Plan brewing and retailing. (PPP), the health insurer.

Company has cash reserves, no long This scheme offers employ term debt and strong liquidity. 1990-91 has started well and "good ees and their families life-long free access to all hospitals except leading London establish-Company remains confident of "satisfactory outcome" for full

ments. In 1987, Mr Gaisford received a letter from Philips saying it was changing the Company to seek authorisation for share buybacks. Does not forsee major reduction in profits during cover of retired employees to PPP's retirement health plan which pays for private health care if the National Health Illingworth Morris (Saltaire) says Service cannot provide treatment within six weeks. A variation in performance in first half of the current year. Philips spokesman declined to



beiped the group to a £27.1 could take on the bigger million rise in pre-tax profits companies on their own terms. to £114.5 million in the six "The only assets we're in-

4.42p to 5.10p. Alick Rankin (above), the chairman and chief executive, the industry. There are going said S&N and other middle- to be some brewers who are

Philips

MICHAEL Gaisford, a pen-

sioner, is contesting a decision

by Philips Electronic and

Associated Industries to

change the private medical

insurance cover it offers its

in his action at the Queen's

Bench Division of the High

Court in London today. Few

and Kester, of Cambridge, his

solicitor, said the case is about

wbether the health benefit

Philips offered was contrac-

tual, or could be changed or

tired employees. He is seeking compensation

Breweries' cash pile from the pand their share of the British disposal of Thistle Hotels market to a point where they

months to October 28. The trrested in are the trade interim dividend is raised from marks. We're not interested in plant for its own sake, because there is too much capacity in

crease my share of the market I shall have to take a new strategic view of things'. There will be further evalution."

S&N, in contrast to other brewers who have reported this season, says it has seen no dewaters in boar sales in the months since September.

Tony Miller, chairman of

Albert Fisher, said the ac-

quisitions will help to develop

the group's European food-

processing and distribution and will bring additional

experienced management plus

strong supplier and customer

ciationships. Campbell's Frezen Veg-

etables is based at Hemel

Hempstead, Hertfordshire,

Most of the vegetables are

bought from British growers

The division also imports

party cold storage, processing and distribution facilities.

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Campbell's Scafood is at

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Albert Fisher buys **Campbell firms**

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ALBERT Fisher, the fruit and vegetable distributor, has bought three businesses from Campbell Soup for £15.1 million cash. The deal will make Fisher Britain's largest company in the frozen green vegetable market.

Fisher has bought Campbell's UK Frozen Vegetable, Campbell's Scafoods, which trades as Morubei, and Campbeil's UK Seafood, which have combined net assets of £15 million after deducting borrowings of £9.46 million. Combined pre-tax profits for the year to end-July were £3.1 million on sales of £116



Miller: £15e acquisitions

Bank boards to meet over merger plan

By Neil Bennett BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE boards of Midland Bank and Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation meet this week to decide if there is any future in the merger they have been planning for the past three years.
The standstill agreement on

Hongkong Bank's 14.9 per cent stake in Midland expires on December 22. Speculation in Hong Kong suggests the standstill will not be renewed. Hongkong Bank meets to-day, and the board's decision will be carried to London by,

William Purves, the chair man, and Peter Wransham, a

director. Midland holds its monthly meeting this Friday. RECENT ISSUES EQUITTES Atlantis Recources
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Borrowing Liquidator threat to costs bite at Land

By MATTHEW BOND

PROFITS at British Land, the country's fourth-largest property company, have suffered from an interest charge that has more than doubled. In the six months to end-

September pre-tax profits fell 58 per cent to £10.1 million. The interest charge rose from £12.4 million to £27.5 million, reflecting £300 million of property acquisitions made over the intervening 12 months by John Ritblat, the

A further £1.1 million of interest has been capitalised during the six months.

Despite the big hike in borrowing costs, interest is still well covered by net rental income, which over the sixmonth period rose 20 per cent to £36.2 million.

The purchases have resulted in the company's net borrowings rising to £652 million, giving gearing of 59 per cent. Unlike last year, when the company was embroiled in its controversial restructuring proposals, an interim dividend, of 1.88p, is to be paid. Mr Ritblat said he is continuing to look for attractive opportunities, both large and

Cray back in black at £800,000

By MARTIN BARROW

CRAY Electronics Holdings has returned to profit at the interim stage, just one year after the former management team of UEI, the high-technology concern, came to its rescue.

In the six months to end-October, the company earned pre-tax profits of £800,000 (£3.2 million losses). Earnings per share were 0.54p (2.28p loss). There is again no dividend.

Turnover rose 5 per cent to £53.4 million but operating profits more than trebled from £1.22 million to £3.99 million. covering interest costs of £3.2

In September, Ace Packaging Designs was sold for £3 million. Negotiations over the sale of the group's defence companies were at an advanced stage, the company

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It was faced with a tricky

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was known. Investors keen to put

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course. Non-customers only go out entirely if they put in £1,500

uncashed from the start?

A JOKE about Skoda cars

used to say there was only one

way to add value to them:

pour a gallon of petrol in the

Last weekend, Volkswagen

raised the jocularity stakes,

when it was allowed to go

ahead with its plan to pour

DM8 billion into Skoda, all

for the sake of adding value,

regard this as a so far un-known incident of a German

sense of humour. Others

might take a different view.

They might say, with some justification, that the manage-

ment of Volkswagen has gone

Volkswagen is renowned for making reliable cars. The bee-

tle kept going for almost 50 years, and the nowadays omnipresent Golf has been

But today, the company,

famous for its small cars, is

going for size. If size was the

yardstick of success, Volks-

wagen could aircady claim the

title of undisputed European

heavyweight champion of the

The company has widened

the sales gap on Fiat, its principle European rival, and

with Skoda as its fourth

operating subsidiary, after Volkswagen, Audi and Seat, the gap will widen further.

The fight between Volks-

wagen and Renault for Skoda

has probably been one of the

biggest ego-trips in the history

of the motor industry. Both

companies outbid each other,

offering ever-higher invest-

with promises to keep Skoda

What chinched the deal for

Volkswagen was the commit-

ment to invest DM8 billion

over the next ten years, almost

twice as much as Renault's

commitment, in addition to a

generous social plan for Skoda

car workers, some of whom

The Czech republic has no

doubt landed a good deal, but caught up with the image or,

operated three different own- ligible basis, and it still lags

brand companies, with Seat, substantially behind Ford,

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are about to lose their jobs.

whether Skoda is equally beneficial for Volkswagen

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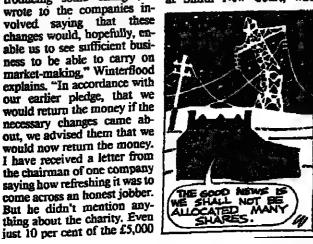
improved, but from a neg-

middle and upper markets ditional Volkswagen business further declines expected.

AN IMAGINATTVE salesman from MI Group, who cold-called City public relations man Ronel Lehman, at-Winterflood, of Winterflood tempted to sell him a "hypo-Securities, is nevertheless dis-mayed by the Scrooge-like ramme. "I think he was attitude of some companies. trying to ensure that I had a While posting off cheques good enough pension to pay my central heating bills when I retire," says Lehman. "I told him that I would buy a hot water bottle instead."

Constructive cheer CITY analysts turn their hands to many things in the gathered in a City pub, The Old Doctor Butler's Head, for an annual test of their gaming

course of duty. But few can beat the building analysts who skills. The star of the show was Derek Reed, building analyst



offered the basket for auction. But to demonstrate they bore no ill feeling, Brzeskwinski and her teammate Jeff Sumhamper to David Collyer, manager of the pub, who

Reed won after trying his hand

at darts, table football and

other traditional pub games.

group, raised £2,000 for



intends to auction it once again to his regulars. The evening, sponsored by Bardon, the quoted construction

ulmemin research.

Second helping THANKFUL that insider dealing is not illegal in the meat world, Charles Boyd, head of Chester Boyd, the City catering firm, placed a bet on himself and went on to win the Dewhurst master carver contest. Boyd, whose firm does the catering for Butchers and Founders Halls in the Square Mile, was assisted by Graham Jackman, the Smithfield poultry dealer, and, for the second time in three years, won the first prize after carving a 151b turkey in six minutes. Runners up to Boyd and Jackman were Michael Barry, of The Food Programme, and Henry

would raise an awful lot of snatched first prize from last year. Boyd placed a £5 bet Crystyna Brzeskwinski, con- on himself at Ladbrokes. struction analyst at Hoare which ran a tote on the Govett and last year's winner. contest, at even money, and Jackman went further with a £100 bet. "We did fancy ourselves to win," admits Clearly determined to get their Boyd, aged 33, who has been carving since he was 15.

hands on the prize, a hamper of food, Reed's Hoare Govett rivals then bid £250 when he And doc makes six WHEN Michael Coppel, the chief executive of Airsprung Furniture Group, the bed and mers promptly presented the sofa maker, unveiled interim results that defied market trends - pre-tax profits rose 49 per cent - it marked the latest in a long line of achievements by the Coppel family. Coppel, the grandson of a Lithuanian immigrant, reyeals that his brother Ronald is the managing director of the Australian Stock Exchange, his cousin Laurence is the

head of corporate finance at Singer & Friedlander, another cousin Andrew is the managing director of Sale Tilney, the fruit distributor, and a third cousin Edwin is the managing director of Hampden Homecare, the DIY group. "As kids. we lived within a mile of each other and were brought up together. It was our grandfather who motivated us," says Michael, aged 59. "We keep in touch and learn from each other's experience." A

fourth cousin Dennis is a

doctor at Belfast's Royal Vic-

toria Hospital.

CAROL LEONARD

Frank is going empty handed

or more for London, the least popular of the 12 in terms of oversubscription. Applications for £1,000 or less get just 100 shares.

privatisation where the stags got At the other end of the scale are non-customers in SEEBOARD. The company's relatively small size and the heavy customer response leaves those of them wanting the minimum of 100 shares with just 90, while all the others go out entirely.

The mathematics of the response to the issue suggests that of the total 12.75 million applications, more than nine million come from noncustomers, who are by definition most likely to want to sell out immediately. Special dealing arrangements such as Sharelink, which allow an immediate sale, account for perhaps 500,000. The rest will have to wait until after the Christmas break at least for their certificates.

All this looks like a recipe for chaos in the after-market. The

The DM8bn

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joke from

Volkswagen

Time off: A Skoda worker ponders life with Volkswagen

continues to thrive. The com-

pany is just another proof of

the theory that diversification

In Volkswagen's case, size is

everything but a yardstick of

success. Pre-tax margins, after

recovering during the mid-

Eighties, are now falling again,

from 1.5 per cent last year, to

1.2 per cent at the interim

stage this year, with some

is bad news.

COMMENT

institutions have picked their was expected to have added to favourites, and these are not necessarily those now heading for the highest premiums.

Xmas puzzle

s if the arctic storms that swept the country at the A weekend, and the crucial loss in shopping days it brought, were not enough to send shivers through an aiready desperate retail sector, the latest sales numbers provide another icv

After plummeting 1.1 per cent in October, the City had been looking for the provisional retail sales figures for November to the consumer having regained a little confidence. The base rate cut in October, and expectations of more to come.

Compared with Daimler-Benz

and BMW, its German rivals,

and to Fiat, this is a dismal

performanceby Volkswagen.

So then: Why buy Skoda?

There is the argument that

Skoda is the highest quality

European car market. This,

however, is unlikely to be the

There will no doubt be a

thriving east European market

for cars one day, although east

Europe is now facing an

economic and soon perhaps a

political uncertainty, pushing

that day ever further away by

But even allowing for a very long-term approach, there is

absolutely no evidence that

cast Europeans will continue

to buy east European prod-

ucts. They did in the past be

They might not do so once

there is a choice. Indeed, the

observations in eastern Ger-

many point to that direction.

After the introduction of the

mark, consumers prefered

even "western" milk to "east-

ern" milk, despite there being

no price or quality difference.

more for western paperback editions of books while east-

ern hardback editions of the

same books cost only half as

much. The simple truth of east

European consumer behav-

iour is that it is highly irratio-

nal and biased in favour of

Volkswagens and against Sko-

For Czechoslovakia, Volks-

vagen's decision is good news.

It will provide jobs and invest-

ment for some time, and the

country will benefit from the

economic knock-on effects,

even if the Skoda brand name

But the question remains

whether Volkswagen is not

paying too much for what

might one day turn out to be

nothing more than just

another factory making Polos

WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

European Business Correspondent

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But where consumer credit data last week, which showed a surge to record levels of borrowing, cast doubt on the woeful message from the high streets and shopping malis, the retail sales data gave chill confirmation that shoppers are in steep retreat. Volume sales fell 0.5 per cent in November, compounding the effect of the 1.1 per cent slump in October.

Retailers are clearly seeing their worst times since the last recession and the downturn in sales has started to feed through to all subsectors, even food and drink, which long seemed invulnerable to the squeeze. The grim picture is made clearer in six-month comparison, which points to annualised sales

volumes falling about 6 per cent. Given the evidence of recession, many City economists share the Retail Consortium's view about the need to ease the monetary reins urgently. However, most like Norman Lamout himself, add the important proviso that interest rate cuts must take into account the position of sterling in the exchange-rate mechanism. And the value of the pound is no longer in the Chancellor's gift, as the market saw yesterday when the Bundesbank announced a

news conference for Thursday. Fearful that the Bundesbank is about to hike key lending rates, foreign exchange dealers marked down the pound to close to DM2.86, further towards the bottom of its ERM band. Does that end all hope of an early cut in base rate? Not necessarily. The currency has room to bounce back this week. But the question for Mr Lamont is whether Britain's monetary management

will gain credibility with a potentially risky easing this side

What Next?

he walking wounded are not difficult to spot in the retail sector but Next is one company which appears to be on the critical list if its share price is anything to go by. The shares hit a new low of 19p yesterday, only lp down on the day, but at these levels every penny off the price equals a 5 per cent drop in value. The group is now valued at £70

million. This time last year Next was worth four times that amount. But even at these levels Next has its supporters. Only last week Nick Bubb of Morgan Stanley was tipping the stock as a buy. Retail analysts believe the value of the Grattan mail order business alone is worth more than the current market value of Next.

Next denies it is in financial trouble but the share price appears to be saying something and in these nervous markets that message is difficult to ignore.

Disposal of British Sugar does not sweeten Berisford's future car manufacturer in east Europe, which is probably true, and with Skoda on board, Volkswagen might be able to sweep clean the east JOHN Sclater, the chairman, is rightly proud of the progress made at Berisford International, the property-to-

commodities group, For months after he suc-

ceeded Ephraim Margulies in March, Berisford teetered on the edge of administration. That risk receded in September, when 68 banks formalised their informal support and agreed a £1.2 billion restructuring of the company's debts. it should have receded still further when the company negotiated the £880 million disposal of British Sugar to Associated British Foods. As a result of the disposal, shareholders' funds, which at the year end had dropped to £93 million, recover to £356.3 million. Net debt falls from £922 million to £247 million. The net result is that gearing drops from a year-end level of

988 per cent to 69 per cent. So why did Beristord's shares fall 6.5p to 22p, completely ignoring a pro forma balance sheet that says the company has net assets per share of 73p?

Shock is one reason. Shock at the extraordinary scale of the damage done to the company by its diversification into property. In Britain, property write-offs totalled £85.2 million. Taken as part of a £121 ed Berisford's pre-tax losses down to £96.1 million. No

dividend is being paid (4.4p). In New York, where Berisford's disaster began, write-downs totalled £192 million and were taken below the line, as part of a £237 million extraordinary item. But the management is now confident it has fully provided for one of the most ill-starred corporate

ventures of recent times. There was also disappointment over the sale price of British Sugar. This seems a little unfair. Given the pres-

ence of Hanson, Tate & Lyle and two continental buyers, £880 million, an exit price earnings ratio of ten plus, is clearly the best price achievable in the present market.

The biggest problem the sale of British Sugar represents is that it takes away Berisford's reason for being. Without it, Berisford becomes a diverse collection of second-string companies, capable of making who knows what in the cur-

But with £247 million of debt still to be be repaid, the decision over what to sell and what to keep is of vital importance. Shareholders face a similar dilemma. Almost half the company's equity is now loosely held and it look an unrewarding time to sell.

S&N Breweries

IT IS an intriguing thought that one Dutchman in every ten each year visits a Center Parc, one of the covered holiday resorts now fullyowned by Scottish & Newcastle Breweries.

But S&N's keenness to focus on the benefits of its leisure side, as it reports halfway pre-tax profits 31 per cent ahead at £114.5 million, only hard decipions it must make in its core brewing business.

The group has an 11 per cent share of the British brewing market but needs to match the 20 per cent-plus controlled by Bass and Courage to remain a major player. The necessary expansion cannot come from organic

growth, even if its ale brands do continue to outpace market trends. Acquisitions of regional brewers would tie the group up in wrangles with the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and take it further into the ale marketwhen the traffic is all in the opposite

S&N will, if current trends continue, have to wait another two years before more than baif its sales are of lager. Well ahead of that, the smart money reckons, it will have

lined up a deal with a big

continental lager producer. Best bet at the moment is Carlsberg, presently brewed increase prices. The number under licence by Grand Met- of passengers carried rose 8.4 ropolitan in a deal that will be reviewed by the Danes once Courage takes control of GrandMet's brewing operations.

S&N was yesterday featur-ing the benefits of keeping its money in the bank. Operating profits were less than £4 million ahead at £115.1 million, but interest payments were reduced from £26.1 million to £2.6 million by the £645 million sale of Thistle

The group lost £15 million of hotel profits but its leisure side, boosted by six-month of British Airways, which is contributions from Pontin's far more exposed to volatile and Center Parcs, doubled profits to £32.4 million.

For the full year, it should make £220 million pre-tax. to 109p before recovering to The shares, strong performers hands on a multiple of 11.4. They look unlikely to progress until the board's intentions become clear.

Airtours

September in a knee-jerk response to higher fuel prices had nothing to gloat over when Britain's fourth-largest tour operator reported betterthan-expected profits.

for Airtours, the end of cutthroat discounting means a return to the profit margins acceptable to other industries.

A 21 per cent increase in taxable profits to £6.3 million for the year ended September and a 31 per cent increase in earnings to 27.2p a share owed much to a late surge in demand for summer holidays when would-be tourists discovered that the holidays were simply not available.

Demand outstripped supply and Airtours was able to per cent to 720,000 in a market which suffered a 12 per cent contraction in capacity.

As for increased fuel costs that should have resulted from higher oil prices, these never happened. It is Airtours' normal policy to hedge its fuel costs, which normally account for about one-third of total costs, and last year the company saved itself about £1 million by buying fuel at "pre-Guif" levels.

The stock market took weeks to spot the difference between Airtours and the likes oil prices. Airtours shares, worth 140p before the Iraqis walked into Kuwait, slumped 143p and climbing another 6p another 10p to go to catch up with the rest of the market and

should go even higher. A total dividend 18 per cent higher at 8.25p a share, after a final 6.75p, completes a con-INVESTORS who piled out of fident picture. Airtours has Airtours in August and £26 million in the bank and is well-placed to build upon last year's success. The current year should see profits of £7.5 million, leaving the shares on a prospective multiple of just five and looking cheap for Sun seekers may lament the contrarians prepared to ignore demise of the cheap last- the City's niggardly view of minute package holiday but leisure stocks.

Security **Pacific** profits warning

SECURITY Pacific, the fifth largest American bank, said that profits this year will fall 75 per cent. It also announced that it will disband its merchant bank and more than double its bad loan provisions to \$1 billion.

Security Pacific recently de-cided to sell 51 per cent of Hoare Govett, its London stockbroking firm, to senior management. The offer is due to go ahead next month.

In a major restructuring of the second largest bank on America's West coast, Robert H Smith, president and chief executive, said the bank expects to sell, reduce or completely withdraw from many European and Australian

In London, Security Pacific is selling EuroFinance, its European asset finance operation with 350 employees. The business may be sold to a management buyout, unless there is a higher offer. The bank plans to continue developing its corporate finance and interest rates swaps operation in the City.

Security Pacific has said it will maintain an unchanged dividend of 63 cents for the final three months of this year. Against fourth quarter profits. Security Pacific will charge \$200 million to cover costs of closing the merchant bank and \$600 million for additional

These will result in a loss for the fourth quarter of between \$320 million and \$360 million and a reduction of annual profits from last year's \$741 million to between \$160 million and \$200 million.

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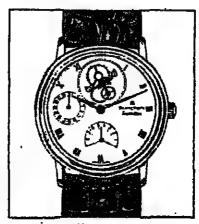
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BUSINESS LETTERS

Wealth creators need rewards Unit trust

From Mr Adrian Beecroft Sir. In a recent article, you successful With income and mentioned the progressive capital gains tax rates now easing of taxation of capital cains. Over the Thatcher Vears, the Business Expansion joining a small company. Yet concerning the liquidity of Scheme (BES) and personal equity plans have indeed re- success of the small business duced the capital gains tax sector. The health of this (CGT) burden for passive investors. However, for the entrepreneurs who create the vitally important to the econcapital gains, the Thatcher years have seen a sharp in-crease in CGT rates from 30 per cent to 40 per cent. Indeed, one frequently finds in the sale of an unquoted company that the only shareholder paying CGT is the man who created the gains, while passive BES investors and pension fund or venture capital investors pay

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no CGT at at L In the past, with high income tax rates and relatively lower CGT rates, successful managers were prepared to leave the relative comfort and security of a large company to undertalie the stresses and uncertainty of starting or joining a small, growing business. They exchanged high salaries and benefits for low salaries and the hope of a substantial

equal, far fewer managers are such managers are vital to the sector is acknowledged by most governments as being omy as a whole. Indeed, a survey carried out by Arthur Andersen for the British Venture Capital Association showed that in France, Ger-

many, Holland and Italy, entrepreneurs and managers who make a capital gain on the shares of the company they manage generally pay no CGT Hopefully, John Major will correct the absurd position that has arisen over the last 11 years and change the CGT regime in a way that rewards the people who create wealth.

Yours sincerely, ADRIAN BEECROFT Chairman. British Venture Capital Association, **Taxation Committee** 3 Catherine Place, SW1

Keep central bank power under control

From Mr R.E.G. Simmerson might be inflicted upon the Sir, Certain bankers are pressing the proposal that the Bank of England should be made independent of the government and yet should retain its monopoly power to issue paper money.

Such an arrangement would put immense power into the hands of the Bank of England, being the power to affect interest rates and thereby create economic booms and slumps at its own descretion. Just imagine what fortunes

might be amassed by persons with inside knowledge and just imagine what hardships 36 Wilton Avenue, W4.

rest of us by a small group of bankers who are not subject to removal and replacement by the normal political processes. No, let this immense power

continue to be wielded by politicians who we can kick out every four or five years if we are not satisfied with them. The situation would be even worse if there were just one central bank for the whole of the EC, as such a bank would be even more remote and even

Yours faithfully, R.E.G SIMMERSON.

less sensitive to our wishes.

further liquidations, resulting

in loss of revenue from

I am convinced it can only

be a long-term benefit to the

government to go to the end of

the queue rather than push in

front like a playground bully.

Government should go to end of queue available only runs the risk of From Mr J. M. Page

Sir, As the managing director of a small manufacturing company, I would like an explana- corporation tax and increased tion as to why the government outgoings from unemploy-should be treated as a ment and redundancy paypreferential creditor in liqui- menu. dation cases.

Although we are lucky enough not to have suffered from a drop of sales, this recession has caused us problems with slow payment and Surely the government hav-

ing first pickings of any funds

On to a winner

From Mr K. F. Wortelhock Sir, Recently I was the victim of a daylight break-in described by the police as "selective". Selective it certainly K. F. WORTKLHOCK, was; they took all the hall- The Herries, marked silver and fine jewel- Chipping Warden, lery eschewing the plate and Banbury,

Page Lacquer Company, Unit 3, Fernier Street, SW18. The only items taken of no MICHAEL J. BOGGIS,

redemptions

From Mr Michael J. Boggis Sir, There is a solution to the proposed property unit trusts as follows:

When applying to buy units unitholders should be required to nominate their chosen date(s) for redemption (which could be phased), but in not less than five years.

Managers should thus have predictable cashflow targets to work to, but they should in turn guarantee redemptions. ☐ Unitholders may neverthe-

less request redemptions by the managers at any other date which shall be automatically accepted if there is an inflow of funds into the trust. If, however, there is an outflow an independent actuary shall decide whether the redemption can be accepted immediately without prejudicing remaining unitholders' investment performance prospects. if not, the unitholder may opt to join a first come, first served, queue for redemp-

☐ The units shall be quoted or there shall be a matched bargain market, and thus the unitholder may, as an alternative, still effect a sale without major delay. Unit linked property funds

are not new - there is a multibillion pound unit linked property funds sector managed by insurance companies which has been around for over 20 years. The advantage to the consumer of investing in a property unit trust will be the inherently higher and more secure income provided by investment property. Distributed income from property unit trusts is likely to be at least 50 per cent higher than from equities and thus property unit trusts will plug the very large gap between the relatively low initial yields but high capital growth of equities on the one hand and the high yields but no capital growth of cash deposit accounts or gilt funds on the other. Whilst the foregoing proposals for redemptions are more regulated than normal unit trust prac

tice, the proposals preserve the right to redeem or sell and equally importantly, remain-ing unitholders' interests are better protected. Like M&G, I believe the regulators should think again. However, I do believe there is

Yours sincerely, intrinsic value were my three Chairman,
Times Portfolio cards — did Investment Surveyors Forum,

STOCK MARKET

Energy drains from market on eve of power trading

THE attention of most fund managers was absorbed by today's start of trading in electricity shares and the rewards they were likely to generale.

the three-week trading account, the second in a row, got off to a subdued start. This was reflected in the FT-SE 100 index, which saw an early lead of almost 10 points whittled away by a large number of ex-dividends and lack of support. It finished 0.9 of a point lower at 2,182.5. Turnover was also low at 317 million shares. The FT index of 30 shares ended 2,3 lower at 1,721.5.

The substantial scaling down of applications means there are unlikely to be many sellers when dealings start at 2.30 pm. With institutions attempting to increase their weighting in the sector, prices are likely to be squeezed higher. Grey market prices rose strongly, some recording a premium of almost 50 per cent on the partly paid offer price of 100p. Northern touched 149p, as did LEB, while South

Wales reached 148p. Some dealers fear that when the euphoria surrounding the privatisation settles down, investors will again be reminded of recession. There was further evidence of that yesterday, with the latest retail sales showing another slide. The pound's latest bout of

nervousness saw government securities replace early gains of almost £1/2 with falls of £1/4, Midland Bank attracted a burst of revived speculative support after weekend reports that merger talks with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank had broken down, leaving the way open for someone else to make a move. The shares

ended the session unchanged

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TOWN BUTTONESS LAND STORY

Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec might now turn to rival National Westminster Bank, lp cheaper at 286p, or TSB Group. 20 lower at 1380, have been treated scepucally in the

Hongkong and Shanghai still owns a near-15 per cent stake in Midland and both sides have been in talks since August

RMC Group, the concrete producer, fell 16p to 653p in late trading after news from New York that Lone Star, the construction group with which it has a joint venture company, had filed for protection from creditors

under Chapter 11. Analysts said the impact on RMC was minimal and the fall was overdone.

The water companies were cheered by events in electricity and hopes that some of the funds not allocated will spill over. Strong gains were re-corded in Anglian, 9p to 288p. North West, 6p to 278p, Southern, 6p to 278p, Southern, 6p to 248p, South West, 5p to 271p, Thames, 4p to 266p, Welsh, 6p to 285p, Wessex, 3p to 260p, Yorkshire, 12p to 286p, while Severa Trent, reporting to-

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morrow, jumped 11p to 247p The Water Package leapt £7 to £2,700. Berisford International, the

international food group and commodity broker, has finally agreed to dispose of its Britis! Sugar subsidiary in a dea worth £880 million,

Associated British Foods has paid £583 million for the business and agreed to take on board debt of £217 million The disposal will reduce Berisford's borrowings to £247 million. Further disposals are planned. The man ket believes this is a good deal for ABF and the price rose 25g

However, full-year figures from Berisford showed the group, as expected, plungin into the red with a profit las year of £107.3 million giving way to a deficit of £96. million. John Sclater, the chairman, said: "I believe we have done everything within our power to stabilise the group financially." But the shares fell 51/2p to 23p. Scottish & Newcastle Brew

eries pleased the market with a rise in interim pre-tax profits from £87.4 million to £114.5 million, helped by improved wholesale beer sales.

Wickes, the DIY and building products group, touched 44p, before closing 8p cheaper at 58p in the wake of Friday late profits warning. War burgs, the company's broker downgraded profits from £23 million, pre-exceptional items, to £8 million, Post exceptionals, it is looking for £2 million. The shares have fallen from

about the 160p level since October, Henry Sweetbaum the chairman and chief executive, said the group does not expect to make a profit in the second half. The retail sales figures depressed stores, with Next, the

troubled fashionwear group, slipping 1p to a low of 19p. MICHAEL CLARK

WORLD MARKETS

Follow-through selling forces Dow lower

pressure but had risen from 969.39 on Friday. selling was a follow-through to 3,149.13. from Friday's weakness.

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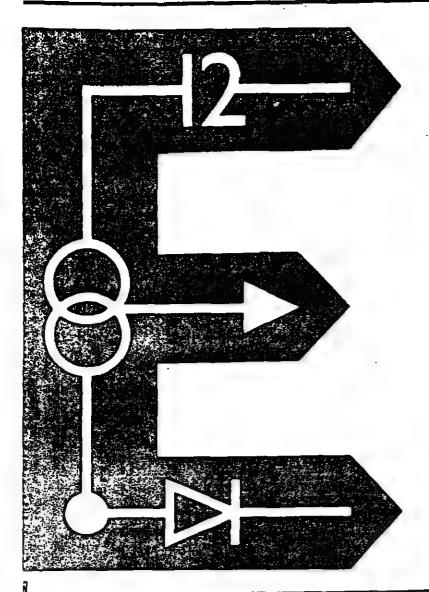
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THE 12 REGIONAL ELECTRICITY COMPANIES SHARE OFFERS ALLOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Offers for Sale

Kleinwort Benson Limited
on behalf of

The Secretary of State for Energy

Each of the Offers for Sale has been over-subscribed and the maximum number of shares has been recalled from the Overseas Offers and from institutional investors.

Valid applications will be met as set out in the following tables. See note 1 below.

DEALING

Dealings are expected to commence in London at 2.30p.m. on Tuesday, 11th December 1990. The combination of the unprecedented number of applications and the bad weather means that the posting of some interim certificates may be delayed. Every effort will be made to post documents before Christmas. Applicants who wish to sell before they have received an interim certificate will only be able to do so if they make arrangements to deal on this basis. Applicants who deal before receipt of an interim certificate will do so at the risk of selling shares for which they have not received an allocation.

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2,000	200	Nii		
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3,000 and above	NII	Nil		

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2,500	300	Ni	
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10,000 and above	NII	Nil	

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2,000	200	Nil
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3,000	300	NII
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1,500	200	150
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2,500	250	NI
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Note 1: Allocations have been made in full in respect of valid applications by eligible employees and persioners of the Regional Electricity Companies. The National Grid Company pic and Electricity Association Services Limited under the Free and Matching Offers and up to the applicable priority limits under the Discount and Priority and Pensioner Priority Offers, subject to a maximum allocation of 5,400 shares in respect of South Western Electricity pic. Customers receiving preference are eligible customers for whose benefit a valid application was made for electricity vouchers or the customer share bonus together with, in either case, customer preference. The Secretary of State has authorised voucher entidements of LD7 and £45 in respect of eligible customers who chose vouchers and who have been allocated 150 and 250 shares respectively. References to applications are to applications which have not been rejected. All allocations are subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Prospectus dated 21st November, 1990 and in the Mini Prospectus.

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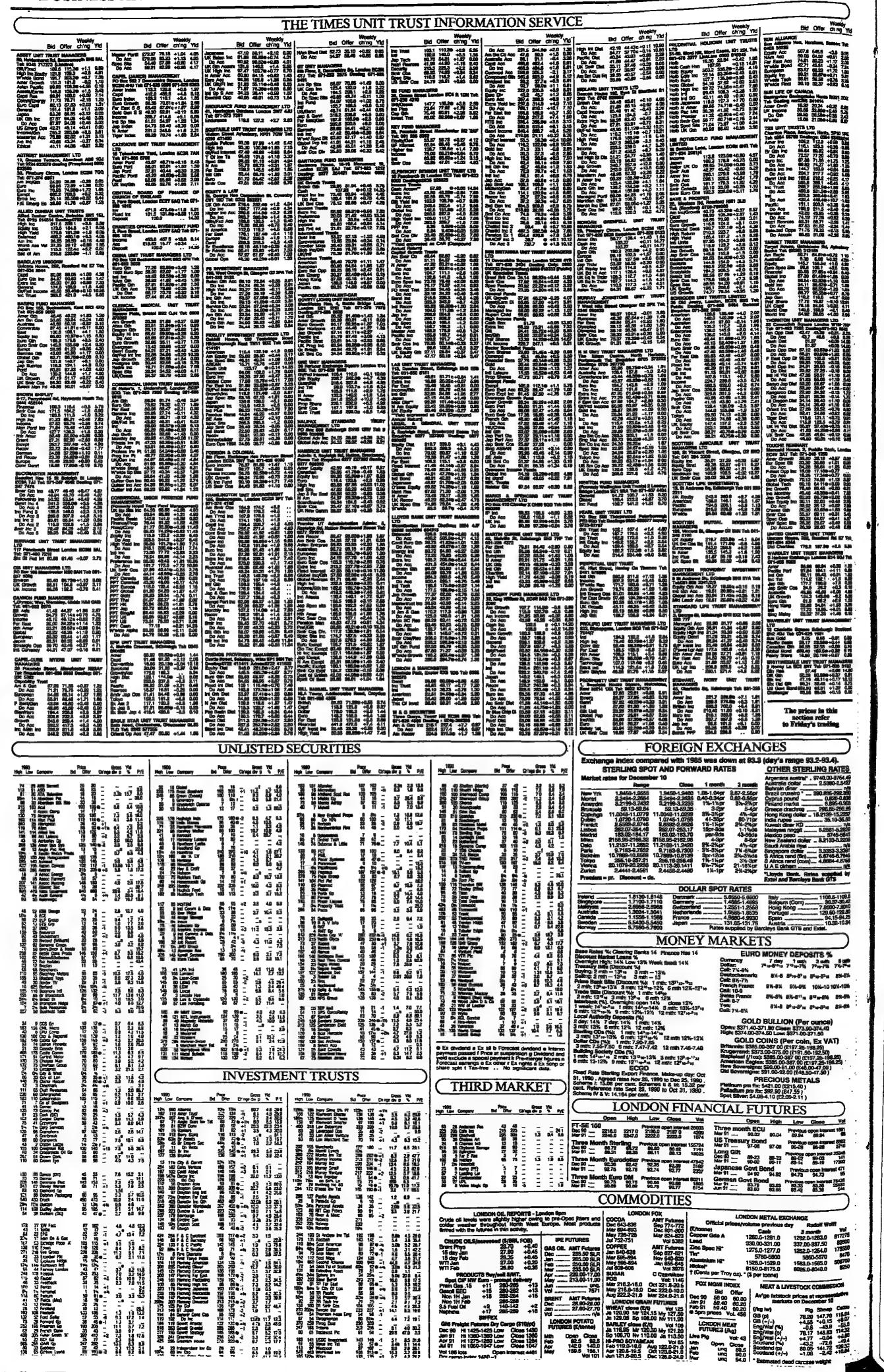
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Making the most of world assets

Custodians are investing multi-millions to corner a share of the market for handling clients' gobal funds, Neil Bennett writes

fter decades in the obscurity of the back office, global custody has come of age. The process of safekeeping clients' overseas shareholdings, processing divi-dends and reclaiming tax pay-ments was once viewed by banks as a tiresome necessity to attract more exciting and more profitable

Today, global custody has become an important profit centre in its own right. Banks around the world are investing tens of millions of pounds to try to corner a share of that market.

Global custody is the mastery of the mundane. It is practically, and often legally, impossible for investing institutions to hold shares directly in foreign markets. The intricacies of Italian taxation, Portuguese stock settlement or Thai exchange controls make it necessary for an institution to farm out the administration of its portfolio to a third party; a custodian bank.

The custodian's role is straightforward but littered with pitfalls. When the institution buys shares in a company, it must ensure the stock is paid for in local currency and delivered. After that, it must collect regular dividends, reclaim any tax payments and convert them to the investor's original currency. A single mistake can not only cost thousands but lose clients. Settlements and foreign exchange can be delayed for months, while rates grow less favourable. Dividend payments and tax reclamations can go astray. The failure to notice a stock split or a rights issue could lead to the disenfranchisement of an institution's shares.

Banks operate their global network through a chain of so-called sub-agents in each domestic mar-ket. These are banks themselves, and are normally chosen either because they are a branch of the main custodian or a leading participant in the local market. Today, most large custodisms have agents or branches in more than 30 countries. The process was originally known as international stock settlement and administration, and while international fund movement remained a fraction of domestic investment, it was typically a loss-making offshoot of mainstream custodian activities.

The introduction of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act legislation in the United States in 1974 provided a catalyst for growth. This demanded the mandatory appointment of a third-party custodian to safeguard pension-fund holdings.

Chase Manhattan understood the implications of this, coupled with the growing demand for overseas investment. It rebranded its settlement and administration business as global custody, and started to market the operation Today, Chase may have been

forced to cut its dividend and start a world-wide redundancy programme after suffering prop-erty losses in America, but it is still the undisputed leader in global custody with an estimated \$112 billion under management, It has kept its lead with a \$95 million technology investment and relent-

The desperate search for profits in the overcrowded global banking industry has, however, forced many of Chase's rivals to notice the potential of global custody. In America, both Cithank and State Street now have managed assets of more than \$60 billion, while Barckeys and Midland in Britain have succeeded in winning business after a slow start.

ndustry watchers find it difficuit to chart the extent of the custody industry because any figures released by banks contain some double-counting. All banks use a network of sub-agents to manage their clients' portfolios in overseas markets, so the same holding can be included in two companies' totals.

A recent survey by Equity International estimated that cartodians now administer assets worth up to \$800 billion. The



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potential is just as great. The roportion of oversess holdings in American institutional pensions is still minimal compared to European funds, and custodians confidently predict that cross-border investment will continue to multiply in the next ten years.

For some banks, the growth has become necessary to justify their high investment in people and equipment. The number of entrants into global costody is re-markable considering the barriers. One custodian estimated that a bank would need to invest \$25 million to build a custody network from scratch, and could not begin to offer a service until it was represented in 18 countries.

Alan Trager, president of Mor-gan Stanley's global custody ser-vices, estimates that a bank now needs to manage funds of between \$10 and \$15 billion to be

Each new entrant has put another turn on the competitive screw. In the past three years, global custody has been transformed into a buyers' market, and fund managers now complain about the barrage of marketing with which they must cope. "I get these guys wearing my carpet out," says Roy Bell, the securities administration manager of Postel, the Post Office pension fund. The industry has now even spawned its

own glossy magazine, Global Custodian.

The competition has reduced and simplified prices and im-proved services. "Fees have de-clined by 50 per cent since 1988," says Mr Trager, "from between 15 and 20 basis points to between 8 and 12 points today. Chents have also been offered more functions for their portfolio."

ricing has become sim-pler. Originally custodians would charge a complex fee, based on the size of the fund, the countries it was held in and the frequency of transactions, They would also pass on sub-agent fecs, which would all fall on separate dates and leave the institution with a trail of paperwork. Under pressure, this has evolved in most cases to a single quarterly charge. Barclays is offering each client a flat global tariff, tailored to the cheat's own fund.

Service improvements have included a rapid advance in technology. The days when custodians communicated by fax and telex are ending. The modern fund manager demands a direct link into his or her company's mannframe or personal computer. This can inform him of dividends or corporate actions, such as stock splitting or rights issues, immediately. It also gives him round-theclock access to his portfolio and valuations. Settlement reliability has also vasily improved in most countries. In 1986, the settlement crisis in Italy had grown so bad that the authorities cancelled the official settlement day three times. As many as a quarter of bargains were going astray. Today, most custodians have total reconciliation in their Italian holdings.

Most custodians also now offer contractual settlement guarantees. These guarantee the customer that a share baream will be settled on a given day. If the trade fails, the custodian has to sort it out and institution was forced to pay the penalties of the custodian's mistakes. Some custodians are now extending the same guarantees to dividend payments. Despute the predictions of

continued growth, custodians agree that the competition will remain fierce. All are looking for the edge. The banks also agree there will be losers.

Faced with falling profits or losses, most western banks are looking for cuts. Some continental banks have already closed their London-based custody opcrations, and the next two years may see significantly larger casualties as banks realise that the returns do not, and never justify the costs.

Information the key to profits

The number of banks offering the service in the past three years has almost doubled

f a bank ever thought global custody was a licence to print money, the events of the past four years have shattered its of London, and future prospects illusions. The banks have been are dependent on the continued confronted with a near-collapse in expansion in cross-border instockmarket systems, a stampede of new competitors and a subsequent slump in fees (Neil Bennett writes). All this has taken place against a background of continued heavy investment in technology and skilled staff.

Considering the barriers to entering the global custody marservice in the past three years has Most people in the industry now services, says: "Custody customers are looking for a real

there has to be some shakeout." Doug Reeve, the bank's man-ager of European custody services, accounting period and pre-match-

says, "going to require some careful management to ensure vou have a successful business." A quick calculation of a large custodian shows how little room for manoeuvie even the largest has. Citicorp, with \$70 billion (£36

billion) in cross-border funds under management, is the thirdbiggest global custodian in the The world's stockmarkets' proworld, bettered only by Chase Manhattan and Bank of Tokyo. Profit figures for most global custodians are concealed within

the results for the entire bank. But on the broad assumption that it charges clients an average of 0.1 per cent of fees, it generates revenue of \$70 million a year. Out of this, it has to pay 1,700

employees, a bill of perhaps \$50 million. Half of the remaining revenue might go to support fixed costs. The final \$10 million and more would be quickly consumed in technology investment Chase Manhattan boasts that it has invested \$95 million in its systems. Admittedly, Cittcorp's staff are also engaged in domestic custody, and so the bank will still be seeing healthy returns from custody. The same cannot be said for small custodians, which have assets of \$10 billion or less.

The size of an impending shakeout is still unclear. Some continental banks have pulled out vestment. If the growth continues in double digits this decade, there will be ample room in the market for all the constituents. If it slows, there will be casualties.

Developments within the global

custody industry also suggest that the largest players will be the longterm winners. The first factor is ket, it is surprising that the the continuing advances in world number of banks offering the settlement systems. Eight recommendations by the Group of 30, a almost doubled to more than 50. club of central and commercial banks set up to improve these expect to see failures. John Morris, systems, were prompted by the the head of Citicorp's investor recognition that the bull market of 1986-7 had caused a near-collapse in many market systems. The commitment investors recognise proposals included the introduction of paperless settlement, the

> ing of all trade information to bighlight dis-

> The proposals have had widereaching effects. Many markets now operate paperand others have plans under way for their introduction, among

them the London Stock Exchange with its proposed Taurus system. gress will be examined in the G30's progress report due later this month. The advent of paperless systems and rapid settlement is, however, forcing custodians to invest even further in systems. The days when a bank could admit to a client that one in four of his or her Italian bargains had failed, but it would muddle through somehow, are vanishing. Now that failure rates have fallen below I per cent in most markets. investors have come to expect near-perfect service, and they want more Partly they want better technology, with round the clock access to their portfohos by a main computer link-up. But information is the key to success.

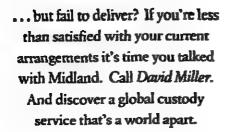
Mr Morris sees custodians acting as pathfinders in new markets.
"We are in 40 markets today," he says, "but that could rise to 60 or 70 in a couple of years.

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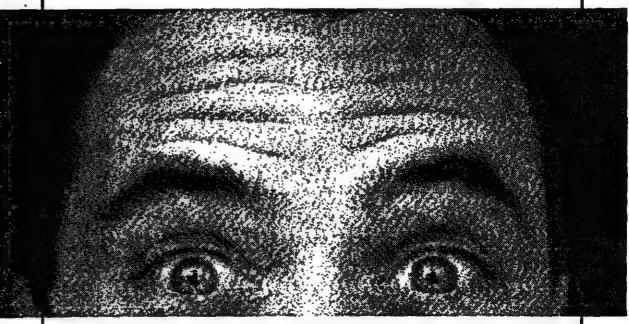


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A boost for Britain's invisible earnings

rn the right hands, stock lending is profitable for global custodians and their clients. The clients gain from extra interest returns on otherwise idle assets, and the custodians benefit from a share of the profits ment resources of a pool of smaller as payment for indemnifying cli-

ents against market and broker The market is composed, on the demand side, of securities houses, which act as market-makers and borrow stock when they need to cover short trading positions. Borrowers deposit non-cash collateral (usually certificates of deposit) to cover the period of the loan, for which they pay the lender a fee. The supply side is repre-sented by custodian banks acting as intermediaries on behalf of their lending clients, typically institutional investors such as pension funds or insurance

Recent years have seen an unsurge in demand for stock borrowing, fuelled by strong growth in the market for derivindex futures and convertible bonds. Simon Luhr, the vice-president of Morgan Stanley, the international securities house, says: "We have always wanted to borrow securities, but had problems doing so because of lack of supply of loanable securities. What has changed is that global custodians have released pent-up liquidity by mobilising the invest-

Stock lending is big business. In a leading centre such as London, transactions average £12 billion a day. David Rudnick reports

the woodwork" with the discovery a few weeks before of a loophole clients who by themselves would be unable to act as lenders."

Stock lending is big business, even in today's low-turnover market. In London, a leading world centre, an average £12 billion a which created uncertainty over whether stock lenders have a secure legal claim on the collateral put up by borrowers, should they default or go insolvent. The issue is a technical one, but day is estimated to be lent, about

lending until the issue is clarified.

Of longer-term importance is the vexed question raised by legislation passed last year, defining all accurities held by United Kingdom institutions as UK securities for tax purposes, thus restricting their lending to authorised British money broken.

This anomaly, Mr Luhr says, is a key factor inhibiting the expansion of stock lending. It has effectively kept out of the market the huse portfolio of foreign securities

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£5 billion of it on international transactions, which boost Britain's invisible earnings.

Stock lending is regulated by the Bank of England which, in the words of John Gubert, the head of markets development at Midland Bank, "has a vested interest in it, in as much as it advances the

central bank's objective of im-proving market liquidity." The bank chairs the stock borrowing and lending committee (SBLC), a body of borrowers, lenders and money brokers set up by the International Stock Exchange to examine ways to recommittee to examine ways to recommittee to examine ways to recommit the somewhat restrictive regulations governing international

stock lending.

The SBLC is under pressure to resolve legal doubts about the security of stock lending which suddenly surfaced last month, causing a momentary stock market panic on November 19. The

solution is near, extending UK lenders' right to lend, which should be operative by the end of

disappointed at the time it is taking," he says. "But everyone agrees that the beneficiaries of their legislation are competitors based outside the UK."

Though less attended by controversy, foreign exchange man-agement is another expanding

it alarmed some investment insti-European institutional investment services for the Bostontutions into beating a hasty, if temporary, retreat from the stock based State Street Bank, says clients show increasing willingness. lending market, while jittery market makers frantically bought up stock as a protective hedge. The SBLC hastily restored order, urgto separate investment decisions from foreign exchange considing financial institutions to go on

Siemens stock, but think the Deorschmark has run its course on the upside. We are developing a product that enables a client to invest in foreign stocks without incurring currency risk."

Mr Ruzicke sees increasing

and cash management, but it will be an increasingly scale-related activity, open only to big players. There is, meanwhile, growing client demand for custodians to

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Special products and high technology may impress some clients, but good settlement procedures are still vital

the business, says Colin Grimsey of Chase Manhattan Bank, which is the leading custodism, remains settlement and asset safe-keeping. The recent enormous ex-

pansion of international investment and essets has strained the capacity of many growth markets to provide efficient settlement procedures (David Rudnick writes). Trading volume has often advanced beyond their ability offshore money? Might the to cope with the growing client have tax-exempt status? tling their clients' trades is the custodians' most basic, bread and butter job.

tial area than in the fancy technological tricks and expensive oped in a competitive effort to ifferentiate their products from those of their rivals.

Custodian banks like a challenge. David Miller, the head of client relations of Bank Securities. says: "Safe-keeping is straightforward. Reporting is what separates the men from the

boys. Most custodians confine their reporting to the base, resident currency and the native, locally invested cur-But rency. multi-currency reporting is involving levels of refinement of com-puter design which only the most modern system can offer." So small-scale custodians

should beware. The coilection and de-livery of clients' dividends has become a standard

Morris, of Citibank, says
standards of promptness have Europe is creating opportuimproved, but "clients are bewanting their dividends posted to their account as near as possible to the income pay-

on a large investor client can amount to half a million pounds a day.' A number of custodian banks offer a facility introduced by Chase, called contractual income policy. CIP automatically credits a client within a set period, usually a couple of days, after dividend payment falls due. So even if a sub-custodian delays transfer of income to

ment. The cash-flow impact

credited promptly.

When several of a custodian's clients hold shares in the main concern is to ensure, so same company, the common practice when dividends are due is to credit the cash to an omnibus account run by the custodian bank, then distribute it to the multitude of

the custodian, the client is

Global custodians like to

Sell their services on mice of scale where, for examinate of scale where, for examinating and perhaps foreign-exchange the size of each individual to the size management. But the core of portfolio may be small as a the business, says Colin percentage of the total allo-

After a dividend has been peid, the custodian may need to initiate a tax reclaim for the

Ouestions to be resolved becoming an exponential is-sue," Mr Miller says. "And the world is dynamic. Tax regimes

How often a tax reclaim her to be made for a client will depend partly on his or ber posure to a particular marportion of his assets at stake he will normally want a more frequent reclamation service than if he has invested only a few lines of stock. Mr Morris says: "It is a function of the size of a client's portfolio. For

stitution, it may be as irequent as two weeks, for small portfolios quarterly interval The dividend rate is another factor. In Japan, Mr Morris says, dividend rates tend to be low. and so tax-reclamation activity is low. In United States has higher div-idend rates, the

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'Safe-keeping is straightforward. Reporting is what separates the men from the boys'

DAVID MILLER Midland Bank Securities

> nities for custodians to offer consultancy services. qualified staff able to handle the tax complications. Mr Miller adds:

> knowledge of cross-border tax issues are a rare and valuable commodity. Another key custodial service is to notify clients of corporate actions affecting their investment interests. When a company plans a rights issue: board changes, or to involve

itself in a takeover bid, clients must be notified immediately of the details and the time in which they need to respond. Clients often have voting or proxy voting rights in these cases, but the custodian's

Failure to notify a client normally makes the custodian liable to indemnify him for

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THE beneficiaries of the competition between global custodians have been the investing institutions. They command a far higher level of service than they did three years ago (Neil Bennett writes). Yet some managers remain dis-tinctly unimpressed with the ser-

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vice they receive. The City is now the focus of the struggle between global custodians. The ERISA legislation in the United States has made the appointment of a third-party custodian mandatory. The pension funds often hand their business to the bank which has managed their domestic custody for decades.

own portfolios, and appoint subcustodian banks in each market. It is only if the work becomes too costly, unmanageable or unreli-able that they decide to appoint a full custodian for their entire

international portfolio.
Invesco MIM, the former MIM Britannia, decided to appoint a custodian for the international portion of its £12 billion British

British fund managers, by con-fund, and has seen the full trast, are free to administer their spectrum of what is on offer. price. Most of the banks are trying to give us as near to a fixed price We are looking for four basic contract as possible." The winner things," says Ratan Engineer, the will be chosen this month. finance director. "One is clearly technology. First, we want a single mainframe link between us and the custodian at any time, day or

tinental European banks, such

as the Swiss, from expanding,

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profitable global custody.

Invesco decided to appoint a global custodian when it became clear it would be cheaper than administering the portfolio itself. night. Second, we want contrac-But not every institution is contual settlement to guarantee the vinced of the benefits. Mercury value of our transactions. The Asset Management, which manages an international portfolio of more than £6 billion, has decided

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to manage its own custodian network. "It is far more cost-effective," Gordon Lindsay, a director, says. Mercury did look at appointing an overall custodian. But it could not find one to manage more than 100 customer accounts individually.

Morgan Grenfell is one of the most experienced custodian users. It deals with more than 40, both direct and as agents for its institutional clients. On the whole,

it is far from satisfied. "There is a lot of glossy public relations from banks," says Alastair Reid, a says Alastair Reid, a director of Morgan Grenfell Asset Management. "But there is little substance to it." He believes fund managers should be free to appoint their own custodians rather than deal with banks appointed by the investor. These, he says, often give incomplete valuations to the clients which can leave the blame

for underperformance with the

custodian's own mistakes. Managers are becoming edgy about the credit-worthiness of some of the American global custodians. The customers'-eye view of the custodians is surprisingly similar. All believe the American banks still have the edge, but that the British have closed the gap considerably.

manager rather than admit the

Managers also believe that fees will continue to fall, and there will be casualties. "There are so many people throwing so much capacity at the market, it is going to be another estate agency, or Third

World debt," Mr Reid says.

Transatlantic bid for business



David Watson: quality

rom the earliest days when Chase Manhattan coined the term global custody, the industry has been the United States banks' backyard. It was US marketing that first brought global custody into the limelight, while the vast American pension funds provided captive business.

In the past few years, however, they have begun to be challenged by overseas competition. The Bank of Tokyo is believed to be the second largest global custodian in the world, although it is relying on the business from the Japa-

The British meanwhile have been rebranding their stock administration departments and investing to bring them British custodians are to fight the US markets. Many large custodians have recently been

on its own doorstep, Neil Bennett says

into the Nineties. Barchys and Midland, for example, both believe they have the systems to compete with the best of the Americans.

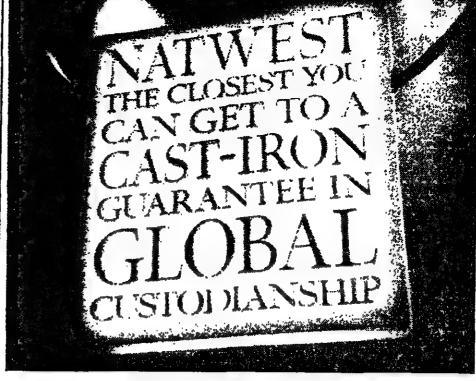
David Watson, the senior manager of Lloyds Bank global custody, feels the transatlantic struggle keenly. "The Americans have geared up on advanced technology. But we rely on quality of service and experienced staff. This is a relationship business."

Until now, banks have tended to win global custody business in their own country, with the Americans poaching some due to their strength. This has prevented many conappointing sub-agents in Tur-key and Thailand and they are ready for the day when their customers demand a place in eastern Europe. Midland Bank has one of

the largest networks, stretchprovide the mass needed for ing across 48 countries. This The American banks, too, includes truly speculative centres such as Brazil and Argenwill soon be challenged on tina, and areas such as their own turf. Midland is Bangladesh, The bank is negotiating links with regional banks in America to sell its blessed with a close relationship with the Hongkong & global custody in that country. Shanghai Bank, and uses it as Custodian banks are also a sub-agent in six countries, while Midland itself is well faced with the need to maintain and expand their global network. The sub-agents in shed on the Continent.

The hot debate among custodians is whether to use a bank's own branches abroad as sub-agents, or whether to thoose the dominant local institutions. Among the British, Barclays is proud that it uses its own branches in 16 countries. "Very few US banks have this sort of international network," says Alex Tweedie, the head of Barclays custody business. "People are sensitive about our triple-A credit rating as a bank."

Global custodians and the upsurge of cross-border investment that they tend are largely responsible for the development of settlement systems in most of the world's main stockmarkets. The bull market of 1986-87 exposed problems in Italy and Spain, where failed settlement rates grew as high as one in five. Since then paperless settle-ment in Paris, New York and Copenhagen has driven down failure rates and costs. Similar systems are being developed in Hong Kong, Australia and Tokyo. In the City, custodians and institutional investors are awaiting the launch of Taurus, the Stock Exchange's paperins settlement operation



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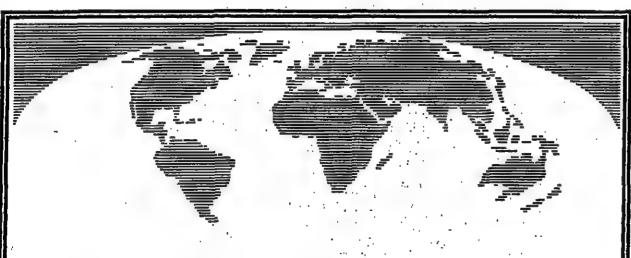
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Fair play, even in fraud

't fell to me to review the investigations system under the Companies Acts when I became the trade secretary in 1979. I was concerned, in particular, to bolster confidence in the system on behalf of the public and the business community after comments made by the Court of Appeal in re Pergamon Press Lid and Maxwell v Department of Trade and Industry and Others.

The 1985 guidance notes issued to inspectors still contain thy statement to Parliament on May 19, 1980, and they stress the need for inspectors, and the depart-

In paragraph 24 of the guidance notes, which refers in passing to a statement by Lord Upjohn about the wrongful assumption of power, it states: "... the inspectors cannot properly try to insist on a witness giving them an answer which would incriminate him ..." At that time whether a witness's refusal to answer ouestions was "proper" would have been a matter for the court.

Public opinion, as expressed through Parliament, by primary legislation and in reports such as the trade and industry select commuttee's recent report on company investigations, indicates a harsher mood today towards company fraud. The select committee, chaired

by Lord Roskill, proposed a generally stricter regime, although, for instance, it considered a lapse of more than 18 months between communal and trial would be



Sir John Nott (right) questions whether the law as envisaged

by Parliament is being observed in

fraud investigations

unacceptable. Public revulsion against fraud was reflected in a revision of companies legislation to deny a "right of silence" to witnesses in investigations. Indeed, in several respects the law has shifted during the Eighties significantly against the rights of the individual defendant in cases of fraud.

To a non-lawyer who as secretary of state was deeply worried about opportunities for abuses of natural justice in the system of investigations, there are today quite serious grounds for concern. This concern has also been expressed by distinguished lawyers such as Lord Alexander, by the Law Society and by commercial law firms such as Slaughter & May in their evidence to the select communee referred to above. it should be a matter of deep

concern to the trade and industry department, and more particularly to Parliament, if persons familia with the procedures are worried about the dangers of the abuse of natural justice in the new legislative environment. I success

that this worry is also widely held

in the business community.

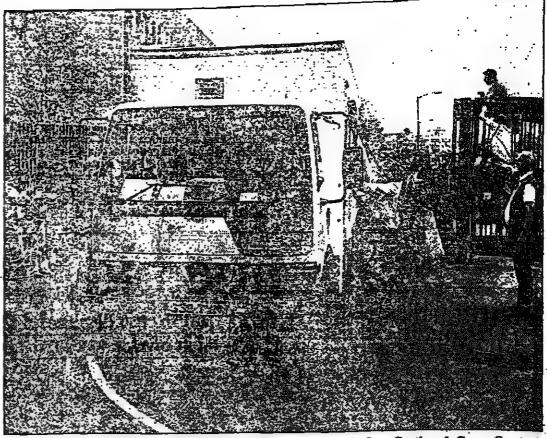
It is difficult to understand why Parliament should allow evidence obtained from fraud case witnesses to be passed to the Serious Fraud Office without any protection for the individual against selfincrimination, while in other criminal law areas, such as murder, rape and terrorism, protection against the defendant's self-incrimination is institutionalised through the codes of practice under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. I suggest that this is a wholly by Partiament. It is a not unusual muddle. Atthough the problems of the prosecution in fraud cases may be particularly severe, it should not justify any derogation from the rights of the accused. As the Law Society's standing

comminee on company law said in a report in April 1977, "expediency is never acceptable if carried to the point of injustice".

The evidence to the select committee of John Wood, then director of the Serious Fraud Office, makes it clear that transcripts of evidence have been passed by the trade and industry department "over a period of months" to the Serious Fraud Office and then to the police while an investigation is still proceeding and without any caution of the

I consider that the action described by Mr Wood is a far cry from what a layman would reasonably understand by the term "fairness", and it transgresses the spirit of the recommendations on the use of transcripts set out in paragraph 21 of the 1985 guidance notes.

While an investigation is in progress, witnesses are unaware of what other witnesses are saying. have no opportunity for questioning those witnesses or answering documents on which they are to be nesponed, have not at that stage had an opportunity to comment on the inspectors' likely findings and crincisms, and have no



A case in point: the Guinness defendants are driven in castody from Southwark Crown Court

remedy against unfair or untrue statements, which may be made later in inspectors' reports.

In stark contrast to the system caution has been administered and witnesses generally want to co-operate with inspectors with a

view to obtaining a dependable report on the facts. The law will take its course and the opinion of a disinterested individual may not carry any weight. However, in the Pergamon case: Lord Justice Sachs stated: "It seems to me as well as to Lord Denning very clear that in the conduct of the proceedings there must be displayed that measure of natural justice which Lord Reid in Ridge v Baldwin described as insusceptible of exact definition but what a reasonable man would regard as fair procedure in particular circumstances. I find it difficult to conclude that Parliament intended an entirely different standard of protection against selfincrimination for the individual under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act codes of practice to that prevailing in fraud cases under the Companies Act."

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The author was the trade⁻and industry secretary from 1979 to 1981.

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Court of Appeal

Deportation hearing properly in juvenile court

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Jusuce Rock

Hudement December 31 A bearing to determine whether a minor should be deported under the Backing of Warrants (Republic of Ireland) Act 1965 could be heard by a juvenile cours and the hearing could be in a locked court-mom provided that all those with an interest had been given access to the

The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held in dismissing an application for judicial review by a juvenile, L. of a decision of Bulbam Justices to endorse warrants for the applicant's deportation to Ireland and remand him to the care of his local council nending

Mr Charles Salter for the applicant; Mr Kevin de Hann for the DPP.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS.

ment that the court's jurisdiction to hear an application under the 1965 Act was approxidomestic committal proceed ings which a juvenile court had power, under section 24 of the Act 1933, to conduct.

used in section 45 of the 1933 that a criminal offence had been committed Each warrant in the instant case alleged that a crum-mai offence had been commutited in the Republic of Ireland Accordingly, there was jurisdiction in the juvenile court. Thus, the vital question was

Did the proceedings at the invenile court conform with paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the 1965 Act which provided that the proceedings should be heard поен соци?

His Lordship was prepared to accept that the terms of paragraph 2 of the Schedule were said that he accepted the argu-

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possible removal from the innsdiction. But that did not mean that

"open justice" could be re-garded in isolation regardless of the inherent power of a magistrates court. The expression also had to be

read in the further context of section 46 of the 1933 Act which mai charge against a juvenile to a juvenile court. Parliament in enacting the 1965 Act could not have been unmindful of section 46 which put children and young persons in a different category from adults as to venue in the bearing of crimical charges. it was unthinkable that para-

graph 2 was intended by Parliament to override other statutory provisions such as section 47 of the 1933 Act which governed in a mandatory way what access by the public there should be to a particular kind of

His Lordship entirely accepted the force of the argument

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that although it was a basic tenet that justice should be seen to be done in public that principle was

Thus it had been beld that a magistrates court had an inherent power to restrict public access to its proceedings if the administration of justice 50 required, such as in the interests of security, public order and public safety: see R v Denbigh Justices. Ex parie Williams ([1974] 1 QB 759).

In the context of children and accepted that in some instances some inroads into the principle of open justice had to be made in the interests of protecting those who appeared before juvenile courts charged with While the 1965 Act made no

special provisions for the backing of warrants issued in the Republic of Ireland in respect of children or young persons, such persons should not be deprived of the protection afforded by

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restrictions on public access to the proceedings against them.

The conclusion his Lordship reached was that us respect of children and young persons the only court competent to deal with applications under the 1965 Act was a juvenite court the procedures of which were strictly governed by sections 45 to 47 inclusive of the 1933 Act.

There was no reason whatsoever to cooclude that any arregularity had crept into proceedings. There seemed to be no doubt that the door to the court had not been secured until all persons with an interest in to be there had been given the opportunity to be present.

The method chosen to enforce security by the police had not been shown to have in-commoded anybody who had the statutory right to be present.

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Blameless surety should not forfeit recognizance

Regins v Reading Crown Court, Ex parte Belio Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Parker and Lord

[Reasons December 6] A person who stood surety for a efendant's buil should not forfeit nis recognizance if he was failure to surrender when reshould enquire into the question of fault before deciding what

hould be done.
Ignorance of the date when ne defendant was required to appear could be a reason for non-forfesture. Therefore. the court should always notify a surety of the date when the defendant was required to

The Court of Appeal so stated giving its reasons for allowing on October 26 an appeal by the applicant, Mr Tiamiyu Adebayo ello, from the remsal by the Oueen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Rose) on November 24, 1989 of his application for

The decision for which judicial review was sought concerned an order made by Judge Lait sitting at Reading Crown Court on June 29, 1987 that the applicant should forfest £5,000 which amounted to half of the recognizance put up by him as surety for Onyersi Odoe who, on October 3, 1985, had been arrested and charged with the illegal importation of 17.7kg of

The accused was granted bail The accused was granted ball when the applicant and one other person stood as sulrates. On December 5, 1985 the accused appeared at Uxbridge Magistrates Court and was committed for trial at Reading Crown Court. A declaration of October 17, 1985 signed by the applicant having expired. applicant having expired, another declaration was ob-tained from him on December

On December 23, 1985 Camberwell police advised the Customs and Excise that the The applicant, who had been

days between Christmas and January 6, 1986 informed the police and the chief clerk of Uxbridge Magistrates Court that he wished to withdraw as surety because he did not believe that the accused would turn up at the court and that he might try to leave the country if he had not already done so.

Shortly after January 8, 1986 the accused was arrested in Holland by the Dutch police for possession of 10 kg of cannabia. He did not appear at Reading Crown Court on February 3, 1986, the date which had been

fixed for his surrender into the custody of the crown court. Subsequently he was extradited to the United Kingdom where he was convicted on April 6. 1987 and sentenced to two years imprisonment. Mr Bello in person; Mr Guy

Sankey for Reading Crown LORD JUSTICE PARKER

said that before the Divisional Court the applicant contended, inuer aira, that the order of Judge Lait should be set aside because (i) he was not nonfied that the accused was required to attend on February 3, 1986 (ii) the accused was already then in police custody in The police custody in The Netherlands and (iii) because he was blameless.

Lord Justice Mann, giving judgment in that court, had said that although the court was prepared to accept that the applicant was blameless, there was no requirement of proof that any blame attached to the that any blame attached to the surety or the accused and that if the surety failed to get the accused to court the right to forfeit was triggered: see R v Warwick Crown Court. Ex pane Smalley [[1987] 1 WLR 237, 249H) per Mr Justice

Their Lordships allowed the applicant's appeal first and foremost because as it was not shown that the accused was ever required to attend Reading Crown Court whether for that, sentence or anything else, either on February 3, 1986 or on any other date, the power to forfeit never arose whether under the declaration of October 17 or

That would have been suf-ficient to dispose of the appeal but it was desirable also to deal with other important matters. Having reviewed the authori-ties, the true position, in his Lordship's judgment, could be stated thus:

The failure of the accused to surrender when required trig-gered the power to forfest but the should be done had to enquire into the question of fault. If it was satisfied that the surety was biameless throughout it would then be proper to remit the recognizance and in exceptional circumstances that would be the only proper course.

The Divisional Court was correct in accepting that the applicant was blameless. He had done everything he could do after entering into his recognizance and it was not suggested that he was in any way at fault in

entering into the recognizance. There was force in the contention that ignorance of the date when a defendant was re to appear at court was by itself a ground for non-forfaiture.

The surety undertook to ensure the appearance of the defendant at court when required. It was an undertaking to the court, failure of which to observe might result in the forfeiture of large sums of money. It therefore appeared that justice should require that the surety was notified by the court of the date upon which the

However, it was impossible to say that ignorance of the date was always an answer to proceedings for forfeiture. Each

The court should always notify sureties when a date was fixed and, if no date was fixed, noufy them between what dates the case was tikely to be listed Such warning should be given as far in advance as possible.

Lord Justice Purchas and Lord Justice Stuars-Smith

Limiting time for acceptance of payment into the court

that of December 5, which alone

An application by a plaintiff for an extension of time in which to accept a payment into court by the defendant should not be granted once there had been a substantial alteration in the

risks of the case. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Farquharson) so held on November 15 allowing an unterlocutory appeal by a defendant in a libel action from an order by Mr Justice.
Michael Davies who had given
the plaintiff further time to accept a payment into court as a condition for allowing the detendant to serve out of time notices under the Civil Evidence

LORD JUSTICE NETLL said that the defendant's case was that payment into court was a

risks were again substantially altered by the defendant obtaining leave to serve out of time Civil Evidence Act notices.

Once there was a substantial lteration in the risks, the time for acceptance should not be extended (see: Gaskins v British Aluminium Co Lid ([1976] 1 QB 524, 5301 per Lord Denning. Master of the Rolls).

Should the position be any different because the extension was granted not on an applica-tion made for that purposes but as a condition of the exte granted to the defendant? There was no difference in principle. The judge's reasons for making the order were understandable

Burden of proof in alibi defences

Regima v Anderson

Where a defence of alibi was raised it was always better, even if the summing up was relatively short and a clear direction was given at the commencement as to the burden of proof, for the udge to give a further direction reminding the jury specifically that the burden was on the presecution to disprove the

However, unless there was a dancer that the jury raught think that the burden lay on the detence because the defence had put torward the alibe there was should give any such further discussin see & \$ 14 and (1768) 2 Cr -upp R 74).

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd, Hr Justice Schiemann and Mr Justice found to stated on November 20 when dismissing so appeal by William . Robald Anderson against his conviction on Octo-ber 20, 1988 at Northampton Crown Court (Mr Recorder Bray and a jury) of wounding with intent, on which he was sentenced to five years

the practice of giving a specific further direction was so univer-sal that it had hardened into a rule of law.

In their Lordships' view, although it would have been better if that had been done by the recorder, the absence of such specific further direction did not



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procedure whereby a defendant could give the plaintiff a chance to dispose of the action by accepting the sum paid in. But, it was said, the sum was paid in in the light of the defendant's perception of the case at the time. Accordingly, the court should not extend the time laid down in Order 22, rule 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court for acceptance of the payment in, now 2! days, if the rasks of the case changed ad-

versely to the plaintiff. There was no answer to that submission. There had been a

substantial alteration in the risks in the case. Moreover, the

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD.

giving the judement of the court

said that it had been argued that

amount to a misdirection.

Job satisfaction wins the vote

What will lawyers want in the next ten years? Edward Fennell finds a startling answer with which to start the millennium

s we enter the season of punditry, the moment is right to ask how lawyers see themselves in ten years' time. Will they be largely ensconced in Europe, or part of global multidisciplinary practices? Alternatively, perhaps they assume that legal life will just go on in the same way for ever, with constant but ineffective demands for reform.

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Some answers may be found in a survey of lawyers' expectations of the year 2000, released to The Times this week by recruitment consultants Badenoch & Clark

Perhaps the most striking finding is that eight out of ten lawyers surveyed say that by 2000 they expect to be regarding job satisfaction as their top priority. This is a startling figure because it towers over all the other factors, including money (8 per cent), status (2 per cent), and the opportunity to travel (1 per cent), which are normally considered to appeal to new graduates when they join the profession.

Like most statistical surveys, this is open to interpretation. The findings could mean that, ten years hence, most young lawyers expect to have already obtained as much money and status as they need and that by then their concerns will have shifted elsewhere.

Alternatively, they may reveal that what lawyers supposed to be the "good life" has turned sour and that what matters to them is satisfaction at work. Whatever the truth, most lawyers, unlike accountants, who are also surveyed, apparently see the future as being much like the past. For example, almost three times as many accountants as lawyers believe they will be working in a mixed professional practice by the end of the century, and although 30 per cent of accountants expect to spend a great deal of time travelling overseas, few lawyers do.

Rachel Caine, who was responsible for the survey at Badenoch & Clark, says: "With only I per cent citing an opportunity to travel as a critical factor in their new job and with 58 per cent of lawyers not expecting to work abroad for any length of time, it raises the question whether the legal profession will still be lagging behind other sectors in reacting to change."

Of course, caution is traditionally regarded as one of the lawyer's most important qualities, and in view of the intense difficulties experienced by some accountancy practices recently, the lawyers may feel justified in resisting revolution.

One of the few significant

changes envisaged by most lawyers is in their role as business advisers. Two-thirds of the survey were convinced that in ten years their contribution to business will be more important than now. Certainly many firms project themselves as law-led strategic business advisers. On the face of it, the ethos



Two in one: law and accountancy firms such as Peat Marwick McLintock (above) could merge into vast mixed practices

of the lawyer is still far from that of the innovative entrepreneur. Business people may still accept that the lawyers' job is to apply the brakes to their wilder excesses, but they remain to be convinced that lawyers can also map-read the future for big

business. A large majority of lawyers, however, wish to continue in the cosy atmosphere of private practice. The American-style ambation to get to the top of the corporate framework from a legal base is still lacking in Britain. While



that outlook persists, clients may look with scepticism at lawyers' roles in business affairs.

What was clear to the lawyers surveyed was that the established system of training and qualification will change. "Articles can stay, but law finals must radically change," one participant said.

Do lawyers actually enjoy lawyering? The indications are that many of them do not, although the trappings of the legal lifestyle remain popular. Almost 10 per cent of the survey felt they would not remain in the law for the rest of their working lives, and many expected to spend no more than three years in a job during the next decade before moving on. As the economy slows down, it will be interesting to see whether that expectation is realised.

● Copies of the report are available from Rachel Come at Badenoch & Clark from the end of next week (071-583 0073).

INNS AND OUTS

Hooson's comeback

THE chambers of Lord Hooson, QC, at Dr Johnson's Buildings have been re-launched after the split in July when Geoffrey Robertson, QC, left with 20 other mempublicity and razzmatazz in Doughty Street.

Mike Essex, clerk to the recruitment drive but it is back to strength. The emphasis of the chambers, known as the home of Rumpole because John Mortimer, though now a non-practising member, was there for many years, has shifted. "We are rather more criminal law-orientated than we were, and not quite so much civil liberties, as it was

mainly the people doing that work who left," Mr Essex says, Lord Hooson's team includes the OCs who staved -Martin Thomas, Alex Carlile and David Lederman - and a range of new juniors. The Hooson says, to "take on the full range of modern, common law work".

Rights in Mind

THE Law Centres Federation, the umbrella body for law centres, has linked up with Mind, the national association for mental health, to seek funding to develop the use of advocacy in psychiatric services. The two bodies are jointly applying for funding from the Mental Health Foundation on behalf of the Nottingham advocacy group, an unusual project working with psychiatric patients and encouraging them to pursue their rights in care.

If successful, the application will pay for a skilled advocate to become anached to the project. Ian Bynoe, director of Mind, says: "People detained in psychiatric institutions are often most vulnerable to having their legal rights ignored or abused. They need accessible, expert and independent advice and assistance."

Working at 90

ANNA Amphlett, a partner in

Amphlett Chatterton, of southeast London, is no

ordinary solicitor. Admitted in 1925 and now 90 years old. she still goes to the office twice

According to Theresa Grant Peterkin, a Withers partner and co-ordinator of the Association of Women Solicitors' "archives" project to collate historical information about women in the profession, Ms Amphlett is probbers and set up in a blaze of ably the longest-serving woman solicitor still

Mrs Grant Peterkin is Hooson chambers, admits the sorting through some remark-set recently had an intensive able detail about the pioneer women solicitors of the Twenties and Thirties, assembled through interviews between association members and the profession's earliest women entranta.

> A questionnaire forms the basis of the interviews and includes questions on education and university degrees, attitudes of women's schools to their careers, problems in obtaining articles and whether family connections helped, (about £300 in the Thirties), family attitudes to the women's careers and whether they ever experienced discrimination.

> She says the interviews collected so far indicate that most of the women were almost irritated by the suggestion that there was anything special about them, and there are few signs of discrimination. She is glad to have begun the project while some of the earliest entrants to the profession are still living and bopes to have a book published on the subject.

Law Fair 1991

THIS year's Law Fair in London attracted 5.070 students and graduates, who met 91 organisations from all branches of the legal profession. Visitors ranged from sixth-formers to undergraduates from all degree disciplines, 52 per cent from universities and 24 per cent from polytechnics.

Next year, the fair will be at the Business Design Centre on March 14 and 15, and will be organised by London university's careers advisory service with the Law Society, the General Council of the Bar and The Times. Interested employers should ring Vivien Charvonia on 071-387 8221.

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Another hump in the road, but is it legal?

ALMOST all highways are their highways. But nobody dedicated to the public for could call road humps, springtheir general use to pass over ing up everywhere like a new on foot, bicycle, horse, car or and unpleasant discase, an on foot, bicycle, horse, car or what you will, when you like. If it does not actually say so in Magna Carta, it is stated clearly enough in Halsbury's Laws of England: "A highway is a way over which there exists a public right of passage, that is to say, a right for all of Her Majesty's subjects, at all seasons of the year, freely and at their will to pass and re-pass without let or hindrance."

There is a general duty on the highway authority, usually the local council, to keep its highways in repair. Section s62 of the Highways Act 1980 also gives all authorities a general power to improve

improvement. The statute claimed as giving anthority for road humps shows that the whole lot may always have been illegal. The local authorities may consequently be at risk on the ground that to obstruct a highway is actionable as a public nuisance.

It is not surprising that nobody has noticed this or sued a local authority for obstructing roads with humps. There would be a need to show some special damage.

Of course, everybody would expect a local authority to act under the authority of Par-liament, no matter how mis-

guided it was in thinking that further reduced, at consid-humps would result in im-erable expense to the resprovement for anybody other than the residents of the road (who benefit from less traffic noise and more privacy).
Where I live on the outskirts

of southwest London, the already too few, too narrow, badly repaired and worse constructed minor roads have been and are being en-cumbered with humps. In many roads, they appear at intervals of only a few yards, communicatility the Loch Ness Monster, so that my speed, in a rather low-slung car, is restricted to less than 10mph.

erable expense to the residents, and to the frustration and fury of the overtaxed, rarely considered motorist.

When I asked a council officer why, I was told it was all in the cause of road safety. If cars can move at only 8mph, of course there is less chance that they will collide with one snother with periods effect. The statutory exception intended to protect authorities from the possibility of legal action is in a schedule of the Transport Act 1980, which provided for the first time: The Secretary of State may

ent in the interests of safety and the movement of traffic." This is the licence given by Parliament to excuse a high-

way authority from an action for obstructing its highways. Surely, no secretary of state, thinking reasonably, could believe it to be necessary or expedient to place road humps in the interests of free movement of traffic. Humps do no such thing.

They also congest nearby roads with traffic wishing to avoid them. The act admits this in its next paragraph, emphasising the need to ex-In a borough where the by regulations make such roads cannot maintain any provision in relation to the reasonable flow of traffic at construction and maintenance states: "Where a road hump peak periods, the flow is of road humps as appears to conforms to regulations under

hidden virtues and qualities I have not dreamed of. If so, the official to whom I spoke did not know of them. On the Continent they are a rarity. Perhaps this is because of some thought that money spent to ease the flow of traffic

paragraph 7... the road hump shall not be treated as

constituting an obstruction to

the highway but as part of the

highway." Of course, it can

conform only if it assists the

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should be used to build more and better roads, rather than to obstruct existing ones. DEREK WHEATLEY • The author is a practising barrister and a QC.

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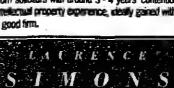
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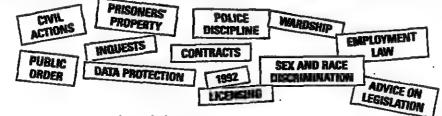
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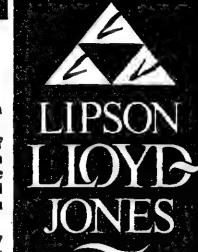
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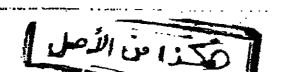
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Charting a career in the music industry

Thirty speculative job applications arrive on Sharon Mulrooney's desk every day. She is the personnel officer at CBS Records UK, and although these are quality applications, which she puts on file and consults when there is a vacancy, many are extremely unbusinesslike.

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The record industry contributes to the invisible earnings of the UK balance of trade and is far from the candyfloss industry portrayed in the tabloid newspapers. It has picked itself up from the hard times of the early Eighties: singles sales are improving after a steady decline, and they remain a vital marketing medium for "breaking" new bands. The compact disc is booming and new formats - CD singles and cassette tape singles hold promise. Companies are diversifying into video, film, television and theatre, and the strategy appears to be paying off. Record sales have not felt the slump quite as much as other

Record companies provide jobs for 9,000 people, half in manufacturing and distribution, the rest in marketing and administration. The industry is indirectly responsible for the employment of 50,000 people in related fields -15,000 in record stores, 1,000 in recording studios, as well as producers, publishers and journa-

The six leading record com-panies - Polygram, CBS, EMI, Virgin, WEA and BMG (RCS) sell two-thirds of the industry's

Working for a record company may sound like a glamorous job,

but it is also extremely competitive, requires dedication, and must be backed by a sound

business sense.

Derek Morgan says

output. High-flying business types aim to succeed make it with a large company, although independent companies take a significant slice of the market.

Ms Mulrooney says CBS is keen to promote internally, but for most entry-level jobs, for example in promotion and sales, "we would look for people from a smaller label. You have to have the contacts." She came to CBS after two years in hotel personnel

Foot-in-the-door jobs as a way in can work, but she recommends a realistic approach. "People do make it from secretary to head of the press office, but they are exceptional cases," she says, "You have to develop other skills to get promoted.

"Being articulate and able to

present yourself is important. It is an image business and you have to be able to sell the product, whether to your colleagues or to journal-

Although casual dress may be acceptable once you are employed, formal wear is recommended for job interviews and when meeting

The rock business inevitably has glamour, but Ms Mulrooney stresses the need for commitment. "A lot of work is outside normal working hours. You could be up until 2am, but you need to be back at your desk at 9.30am. The laidback image is deceptive. It is a ruthless, hard-working industry and 'business' is the key word." Malcolm Buckland, the general

manager at the independent Rough Trade Records (Galaxie 500, The Sundays, Mazzy Star), agrees. "Meeting artists on a regular basis is glamorous, but essentially it is about doing a job, You have to be accountable and contribute to company profitabili-

Music is a close-knit business. Staff frequently move between record companies and the trade paper Music Week runs an appointments column, Musical Chairs. Independent labels can be a stepping stone, but Mr Buckland has worked for large and indepen-dent companies and believes a career can be carved out away from the multinationals. However, he acknowledges that salaries are lower in independent com-panies, "We could not match the perks package, company cars and



Neil Martin, the product manager at CBS: singles are selling better after years of declining sales, and are still vital for new bands

expense accounts," he says. But there are advantages. "Everybody feels closer to the performer Somebody in accounts could have as much commet with a hand as an A & R [artists and repertoire]

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but it is not enough. Mr Buckland says: "If we want a financial controller, our decision is not conditioned by the fact that one of the candidates is a fan of The Smiths [the band's gold discs line

the walls of Rough Trade's boardroom]. However, if we had two equal candidates, and one was enthusiastic about our band roster, they would have the edge."

The largest companies are based in London, but some independent companies operate successfully elsewhere, such as Kitchenware in Newcastle, and Factory Records in Manchester, the city described as the current UK pop capital.

The British Phonographic Industry (BPI), the industry association, has 150 record company members, including specialist independent companies such as Cooking Vinyl (world music), Greensleeves (reggae) and Conifer and Hyperion (classical). Jeremy Silver, the publicity

director at the BPI, says that record industry management is

about taking risks. "You can invest a lot in a band and it might not take off," he says. Only one in ten singles makes any chart impact, but this hit or miss element is, he says, "the excitement that makes the industry tick".

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Changing face of rugby union rules out direct comparison of form before University match

Cambridge must be favourites because of a better build-up

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ONCE upon a time it would have been possible to draw a line through the fixtures played by Oxford and Cambridge and compile an accurate guide to the outcome of the University match - insofar as form has any relevance to the events of that hectic, sometimes hair-raising afternoon at Twickenham.

Not any more. There is an imbalance in the number of ames played during termtime and in the nature of the opposition. Oxford, for intheir club fixtures in midweek and have encountered weakened teams as a result, the clubs preferring to save their seniors for the next league

Cambridge, who have played 14 matches to Oxford's 11, bave regularly encountered stronger XVs and it would be inaccurate, therefore, to compare the results gainst Northampton, Waspa and Leicester, now the only three clubs common to both universities' fixture-lists. But by any standard. Cambridge will go into the 109th University match this afternoon as favourites, however hard, Si would wish to avoid the tag.

Cambridge, holders of the Bowring Bowl, have enjoyed more - and more realistic preparation, even allowing for Oxford's pre-term Blues, five to Oxford's three, including both half backs. They have, in Adrian Davies, the more reliable goalkicker as well as a player so capable of controlling events from standoff half that his performance will be watched with interest by the Weish selectors.

Oxford readily acknowledge the fact: "If Davies is allowed lot of problems," Mark Egan, their captain, said. "He has got to be closed down." The greatest string Egan has to his bow is the spirit he has fostered within his XV after the disruptive events of the omission of four Blues. Whatever else this Oxford side does, its members will play for each other.

Gary Hein is an American Eagle, while Egan, Errol Norwitz and Will Stileman have appeared in two previous University matches.

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Cambridge whole remains to be seen. In the early part of term, when Davies was recovering from a neck injury, the ambridge backs looked plain dition of the 1980s. Now to play well he can cause us a Davies is back, Tony Underwood glitters on the wing and Andy Parton's strength at full back, offensive and defensive,

The Cambridge forwards are not short of talent either. Where Oxford are too dependent upon Egan at the lineout. Cambridge have O'Callaghan, Robertson and Sheasby, all potential sources of possession. Jim O'Callaghan, a There is also experience. graduate of University College Toshiyuki Hayashi, who has Dublin, will be as aware as translated himself from a anybody that Ireland's Japanese lock or flanker to an strength in depth at second Oxford prop, has played in 31 row is not great and that the internationals, ten as captain; selectors will be keen to see him perform, as well as Ox-ford's men of Cork, Haly and

Chris Sheasby has had an instructive term. In club rugby Whether the sum of Ox- with Harlequins he has been ford's parts can match the seen to best advantage in

THE RUN-UP TO TWICKENHAM

Cambridge have won seven of their 14 matches (excluding tour games) 11-16; lost to Wasps 18-19; lost to this term, drawing twice and losing five times. They have scored 300 points and conceded 198. Oxford, in 11 capage bases are seven as the seven as t points and conceded 198. Oxford, in 11 games, have won six and lost five, scoring 200 points against 166.

CAMBRIDGE RECORD: beat Cambridge City 21-7; lost to Headingley 10-12; beat St Mary's Hospital 47-6; draw with Blackheath 13-1; beat University College Dublin 22-6; lost to Northampton 14-19; beat Bedford 29-0; lost to Wasps 18-26; lost to Northampton 19-19; beat Bedford 29-0; lost to Wasps 18-26; lost to Harlequins 6-23; lost to Lelcester 10-22; beat Crawstay's XV 26-16; draw with Nottingham 21-21; beat Loughborough University 32-3; beat Loughborough University 32-3; beat CoXFORD RECORD: beat Dublin University 13-9; beat London Irish 13-6; beat Loughborough University 13-9; beat London Irish 13-6; beat Loughborough University 13-9; peat London Irish 13-6; beat Loughborough University 13-9; lost 10-16; lost

WILL Carling's return at centre

is the only change that London have made in the XV that will

play the South and South-West at Gloucester on Saturday in the ADT divisional championship (David Hands writes). The Eng-

land captain, fit again after resting a strained ankle liga-

ment, resumes the place occu-

pied by John Buckton, of Saracens, in the 25-24 victory

to the XV which, but for illness

and injury, would have played against London. They play the North at Headingley and restore

the Leicester centres, lan Bates

and Tim Buttimore, to the back

have recovered from a bruised

but the selectors are less happy

a cartilage in his knee on Saturday, forcing him from the

field, and he must be doubtful

The North, meanwhile, having

been inactive last weekend

because of the weather, are able

to restore Nigel Heslop (wing) and Bob Kimmins (lock)

Wayne Shelford, the New

Zealand No. 8, leads North-

ampton against Queensland at

Franklins Gardens this evening.

Gary Pearce, the club captain, is

injured and John Steele, the vice-captain, is one of four

The Leicester flanker pinched

The Midlands hope to revert

University 13-9; beat London Irish replacement against the Barbarians 23-5; beat Loughborough University in October; Booth (Wales) and 13-5; beat Durham University 15-4; Underwood (England) are B Interloss to Lexcester 22-23; lost to nationals.

London cause
ONLY seven of the 16 scheduled matches were played in the miled matches were played in the matches were played in th

Insurance Cup on Saturday, but the weather offered the perfect opportunity for giant-killing, and Gloscester CS Thers

jumped at the chance.

As they play their Courage Clubs Championship rugby in Gloucestershire IV, Tigers looked easy prey for Widden Old Boys, from three divisions above, but they adapted far quicker to the appalling con

quicker to the appalling con-

ditions and kept their concen-

tration the better as the wintry

captains could not agree on whether to play, Widden want-

ing a postponement; but the referee's decision was to at least

start the match, and call it off if conditions worsened. Within

three minutes, Tigers, who

began with ferocious intent, had

scored under the posts when their scrum half, Gareth Pugh,

charged down a kick from his

opposite number, and the tie

was effectively over.

Brendan Duffy, Pugh's part-ner at half back, added the

conversion and then devoted his

attentions to some splendid touch-kicking to clear his lines whenever Widden threatened.

Not to be completely deprived,

Widden were rewarded with a

try when their prop, Nick Cooke, charged down an at-

afternoon took its toll. On arrival at the ground, and with a blizzard blowing, the row in which the strength of Pool-Jones was seen to good effect one night in mid-term when he put to flight three

Twickenham will be full, Stand, from which spectators will look down as though from an eagle's cyric. After the initial flurry they could well see a game of high excitement, from which Cambridge should emerge victorious for the fifti-• The second game at under-

21 level between the two universities for the Bowring Plate will be staged at the Stoop Memorial ground (11.30). Cambridge won the naugural match last year and include in their back row Rory Jenkins, the England under-21 flanker, who has already appeared in the winning side against Oxford this season for the LX Club against the Grevhounds last week. William Hill, the book-

makers, offer Cambridge as 4-9 favourites and Wayne Shelford, who has played against both universities this term, confirms their opinion: "On what I have seen you would have to say that Cambridge were about 15 to 20 points better," he said. "But Oxford will certainly be fired up by the occasion and the gap will close quite a bit." Gate receipts will be only £10,000

John Currie obituary, page 16 von must take it. And if this is Cloud-cuckoo-land, then I'm Carling makes return in Tigers pull down their prey

Provincial Insurance Cup

second half, but there was more

than a degree of satisfaction in

the bome dressing-room as the players thawed out and enjoyed the 6-4 win.

With a wry smile, Andy Pryse.

the Tigers captain, said: "Well, we earned our stripes," Only in

the summer did the club revert

to its original name, after spend-

ing several years in the dol-drums as Gloucester Civil Service. His reference was to the

headline in these pages when the

Topsham, the last Devon side

in the competition, playing their fifth home game in as many rounds, saw off the last Cornish

club in handsome style by beating Veer, 27-3. Having

taken the trouble of watching

their opponents play the pre-vious weekend, Topsham were

always well on top and ran in

five tries at regular intervals, including two by their wing.

The only game in the northern half of the draw that was played was decided when Patrick Kennedy, the Old

Anselmians wing, cancelled out Tyldesley's first-half effort, and

his full back, Tony Neville,

Gerry Alford.

fifth-round draw was made.



His Cambridge nest is not a fantasy world to Rodgers

OTHERS may dramatise the happy with that compared with talking to other players and sporting rivalry between Oxford the tight game so many clubs coaches. I read a lot. But the

rarely anything other than mu-rarely anything other than mu-tual respect. This year's internal wrangling at Oxford brought little pleasure to the Fens and two of the greatest friends on the field at Twickenham today are cellent facilities where student players can enjoy themselves and where they learn to play under pressure, because of the strength of our fixtures. Adrian Davies can't hide behind a big the respective captains, Mark pack; he has to make the decisions and closing down the game is not an option.

"We can give players special-ist coaching. Wayne Shelford was here last week, Mike Davis, Alan Davies, Phil Keith-Roach, all experts in their field, do sessious and our own England players, Fran Clough and Mark Bailey, have an input. There is a necessity in the ten particular intensity in the ten weeks spent preparing for one match, although we hope to be

judged on our overall record throughout term." In fact Davies, the former England B coach from Notting-ham, has been assisting Oxford this term after several seasons visiting Cambridge but such individuals form part of a rich university tradition of visiting coaches. Oxford had boped that Pierre Villepreux, from Tou-louse, would be ever in the accord half of term

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However, the presence of
Shelford, the former New Zealand captain, at Grange Road,
was of particular assistance in
tightening the nuts and bolts of
the Light-Blue game. "He
admitted that a lot of the work
we did was similar to what he
did in New Zealand, which was
nice to hear." Rodgers said. taice to bear," Rodgers said.
"My coaching philosophy has
developed over the years. It's

two-way process because we are dealing here with highly intelli-gent blokes."

Rodgers, a surveyor in the university department of estate management, describes the strengths of Cambridge rugby as interrelated: good players able to play good fixtures, which is why he views with concern the possible impact of league rugby. "There will be far more

competition for players. Already clubs are offering inducements to promising players but those youngsters will miss so much if they never sample a university "Cardiff will be back on our fixture list next season and Lianetti want to play us. We

want to sustain the strength of our list and to continue playing Saturday rugby [something that has withered at Oxford this season] because we have a duty to our members and if we do not, clubs will pressure players to appear for them. If the league in England contracts and is played home and away, we may be struggling we might be forced to look to Ireland or France for games.

Rodgers, who has helped develop a valuable connection with Loughborough University, agrees with Jim Greenwood that distinguished rugby mento of so many Loughborough stuof so many Loughborough stu-dents: that the game involves well-judged risk-taking. "It's a game for the players and they enjoy a wide game." Some 58,000 will want to admire the quality and feel the width today.

Ireland's top scorer is dropped by Munster

Bradley, the Munster captain with 23 caps, have been dropped from the Munster side that meets Leinster at Lansdowne

treiand panet for warm-weather training in the Algarve from December 27 to 31. If that hints at confused thinking among provincial selectors and the Irish five, think nothing of it. Nothing changes much in Irish telection

Andrew Matchett, the Portadown scrum balf, who has outplayed Rolland and Bradley on consecutive Saturdays in provisional championship matches for Ulster against Leinster and Munster, is on the bench for the B international against Scotland at Ravenhill on Saturday week. Rob Saunders, the man who has been his No. 2 for those games and is again a replacement against Couracht

But there is a certain logic behind this thinking. Saunders, the London linsh scrum half, was denied an Ulster outing before the provincial series started and plans to watch him in the Ireland Students XV game against Argentina on October land to be southed when glowing reputation since building up with London Irish and is the view that Ireland are taking

The open side wing forward position on the B side will be decided after Saturday's game at Ravenhill. Ulster's Gordon Ravenhill. Ulster's Gordon Hamilton and John Fitzgibboo

Ravenhill. Ulster's Gordon Hamilton and John Fitzgibbon are in contention.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Television blamed for highlighting Leeds's dismissals

RUGBY Football League officials reacted angrily last night to what was termed a "gratufollowing the presentation on BBC Grandstand on Saturday of the Widnes v Leeds Regal

lismissals of two Leeds players highlighted, and afterwards, about the apparent difference in official reactions to unsavoury incidents in football and rugby mion compared with those in rugby league with its new high profile.

oublic affairs executive, said: The incidents were dealt with the spot. We would have been more concerned had a large number of players been in-volved, and if no action had been taken immediately by the

"As it is, Dixon (who was sent off) will appear before the disciplinary committee on Thursday, the video tape will be not have arisen but for the gratuitous comment." In yesterday's draw for the quarter-finals of the Regal Trophy, Widnes received a third consec-utive home match, and are unlikely to be troubled at the prospect of facing Batley of the second division, who were the giant-killers of the second Regal Trophy draw

winners of the Bradford Northern and Bramley postponed tie, will kick off at 2.15 on Saturday out their injured captain, Mike Gregory for up to two months, will entertain the winners of the Featherstone Rovers v St Hel-ens game, and Castleford are at home to either Doncaster or

The unlucky Wigan winger, David Marshall, will be out of with damaged knee ligaments and a dislocation of the joint during Sunday's cup-tie against Keighley, Last season Marshall had a similar lengthy spell out of

Martin Dermott, the Wigan booker, will appear before the disciplinary committee on Thursday to contest his dismissal for foul play in the Keighley match. The inter-national forward, Andy Platt, who broke his finger in the

appearance will be the Oldham forward, John Cogger, who was sent off against Batley for allegedly inclung the crowd by making gestures.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Cofer the hoofer floors Cincinnati

By ROBERT KIRLEY

ever there was one, worked the 23-skidoo to perfection on Sun-day. He kicked a 23-yard field

San Francisco extended their league record for successive away wins to 17. Joe Montana did not complete a scoring tosa for the first time in 18 games, but he led the 75-yard final drive with precision passes to Jerry Rice and Tom Rathman. When Harry Sydney ran ten yards to the Cincinnati six-yard line for a first down, San Francisco sent in

downs on Rathman's one-yard run and Sydney's three-yard plunge. Cincinnati had led for most of the game on a short pass from Boomer Esiason to Craig Taylor, a 38-yard field goal by Jim Breech and a one-yard run by Ickey Woods. The Bengals fell into a three-way tie for the lead of their division.

The New York Glants re-

versed a two-game losing streak and won their division with a 23-15 triumph over Minnesota. Outs Anderson scored rance and Matt Bahr kicked three field goals to stop Minnesota's fivesame victory streak. All three NPC divisional tries have been decided. Thurteen teams are

to play and Washington with-stood Mark Rypien's five interceptions to beat Chicago 10-9.
Pete Stoyanovich locked a 39yard field goal in overtime as
Mismi best Philadelphia 23-20.

Buffale secured their third successive play-off position be-hind Jim Kelly, who threw for 261 yards and two touchdowns in a 31-7 victory over Indianap-

IN THE jazz age, "23-skidoo" ells. Chuck Noll won his 200th meant "scram". Mike Cofer, an east coach of Pittsburgh in a old-fishioned soft-shoe arms if 24-3 triumph over New East-

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SWIMMING

Highgate pair picked

represent Britain in the diving events at the sixth world championships, to be held at Perth. Australia, from January 3 to 13 (Craig Lord writes). Morgan is on course for medals in the three-metre and highboard events after a superb year which started with a gold medal in the highboard at the Commonwealth Games in

THE Highgate divers, Robert January and saw him become Morgan and Jeff Arbon, will the first Briton for nine years to win the three-metre dive at the European Cup in Vienna. Sarah Northey, of Reading Royal, heads a team of three synchronised swimmers chosen to com-

BRITISH TEASIS: Diving: R Morgan (Highgas and Bernet Coptnell), J Arbon (Highgas and Essax Comnorans). Synchronised awineming: S Northety (Reading Royals), C Geter (Hounslow Borough), L Stedance (Massac Control).

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East and the Old Reedonians stand-off, Nick Richards, cer-

Dereham's ten-man game never quite came off as they went down 20-0 at Greeswich, where the home side's No. 8, Deve Suipp, collected two tries, and Old Cooperians, too, gave best to a superior pack as Loadon Cornish matched their two penalty goals and then came good with two unconverted

Egan and Simon Holmes. Thus it is that an Oxford man

can say that one of the most underrated coaches in the coun-

try is Tony Rodgers who, for the past decade, has tended to the needs of Cambridge. Rodgers, aged 45, holds no couching

certificates but the university's record since 1980 speaks for itself, seven wins and three

defeats in the most tautiy-contested of fixtures. Critics of university rugby might suggest — indeed they

have suggested - that Rodgers lives in Cloud-cuckoo land in

Cambridge, that he has never submitted his coaching creden-tials to the harsher club environ-

ment. The former Rosslyn Park

lock, who played in three university matches between 1968-70, admits that he occu-

pies a privileged position in terms of talented intake but

stoutly resists charges that the student rugby in which he is

"I get slightly annoyed when I hear that criticism," Rodgers

\$298. "Several players have told

me they had been advised to continue their rugby careers in clubs and not further their

Down in the New Forest, Alfie Birch, with two penalty goals, was again on target for Fordingbridge, who continued to behe their status in the league with a 9-3 victory over Haverhill and District.

lem and Leodicusian, among others, on duty, weather permat-ting, next weekend, there is plenty of good sport still to cou in this exciting new venture for juntor rugby.

tainly made his mark. Rich: who flew home from a holiday in Hong Kong, arriving on the morning of the game, kicked five penalty goals in the 15-3 victory over Hellingly.

The final at Twickenham is. as yet, three rounds away and with Ashbourne, Bradford Sa-

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MICHAEL Kiernan, Ireland's they could not pick him on the leading points scorer with 299 in firmsy ground that he had not attended pre-match practice. Saunders has enhanced a saunders has enhanced a Road on Saturday.

Both are in the 26-strong Ireland panel for warm-weather

on Saturday, is in the B side, with Matchett a replacement.

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MARY Reveley and Peter Niven, who have already landed a four-timer at Sedgefield this season, look like improving an already fine record on their local course by pulling off a double today with Typhoon Lucy (2.30) and Flight Hill (3.0).

Flight Hill is napped to follow up last month's Catterick victory in the Nags Head Novices' Handicap Hurdle, a race which, coincidentally. Typhoon Lucy won for the successful Saltburn combination 12 months ago.

Like Catterick, Sedgefield is essentially a sharp course. So Flight Hill, who is a half- Times Ahead. brother to that good two-miler Prideaux Boy, should be in his ciement again.

What impressed me about his victory at the north Yorkshire track was the way he stuck his neck out when pressed all the way to the line by Blacksburg.

That looked a sound performance at the time but appears even better now as Blacksburg has since won by eight lengths from his market rival, Merry



Reveley: strong chance of double at Sedgefield today

time out in a race at Ayr won by that decent novice, Better

So Flight Hill's form now possesses some strength in depth which is more than can be said for his rivals this afternoon, with the possible exception of Bold Republic, who has, however, been penalised 5lb for winning at Kelso eight days ago.

But for failing at the last at Southwell on her chasing debut, Typhoon Lucy might well have finished second to Viking Rocker, who had im-Master, who himself had pressed when winning earlier shown no end of promise first at Ayr. So I feel she is entitled year-old, who won three

PLUMPTON

2.15 Manhaman Boy.

2.45 Firm Price. 3.15 Wagon Load.

Hardwick Arms Novices' Handicap Chase.

If Niven does pull off a double he may well not be the putting in a clear round. only jockey to do so since Mark Dwyer had equally good prospects on Unex-Plained (1.30) and Green Archer (2.0). it was by only a short head that both were beaten last time out at Bangor.

In the Golden Lion Ladies' Handicap Hurdle, I like none better than Hydeenius. A winner three times over

hurdles last term, the Colin Tinkler-trained five-year-old also scored six times on the Flat during the spring and summer. He certainly will not fail through lack of fitness as his last race was on the allweather at Southwell only six At Plumpton, John Ed-

wards has a good chance of landing a double with Red Rando (1.45) and Firm Price (2.45). But backing Red Rondo to win the Scotts Restaurant Novices' Chase will require considerable cour-age as he has fallen in two of his three races over fences, both times at Hereford.

Ireland, trotted up by 15 lengths at Cartisle to prove that he is quite capable of

KRIBENSIS, the champion

hurdler, is to undergo further x-rays of his lungs to determine the extent of the problem which

has caused him to break blood

United States, where they know

a lot about this sori of problem."

The Sheikh Mohammedowned six-year-old has been
kept in training at Newmarket.
"I am keeping him trotting to
keep him tight," continued
Stoute. "We should know after

competing over hurdles delayed by the weather.

a lot about this sort of problem."

Firm Price, my selection for the Car Parks National Handicap Chase, is nothing if not consistent, having finished first or second in his last six races. Last time out he ran well enough at Nottingham behind Rare Bid - a winner since - to suggest that he can hold Star Of Screen, a former stable companion, and Rich

Ray Goldstein, who rides Ray Goldstein, who rides
Rich Remorse, could be on
the mark earlier in the afternoon when he partners Manhattan Boy in the Baker hattan Boy in the Baker Lorenz Winter Handicap

Manhattan Boy is some-thing of a standing dish at Plumpton where he has now won nine times over course

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"I had hoped to school over hundles for Martin Pipe yes-terday morning," said Swinburn. "Peter Scudamore was coming down to give me some advice but the weather put some advice but the weather put a stop to it.

"I'm hoping the weather does not came further problems as time is running out. After Christmas I take up a contract to ride in Hong Kong and then I will be required for the new Flat season." Weather permitting, Swinburn now hopes to have his first hurdles ride for Pipe next week. Any rain that falls before the last race, the Ditchling Novices' Hurdle, will greatly improve the chance of Wagon Load. Having finished second to Mad Casanova on soft going at Haydock last time, he appears to have the edge over

Guide to our in-line racecard

Recocard number, Six-figure form (F- fall, distance winner. SF - beaten favourity in P- pulled up. U - uneased rider, B - brought in teast race). Going on which home has won down. S - slipped up. R - refused, (F - firm, good to firm, hard. G - good. D - disqualified). Horse's name, Days S - soit, good to soit, heavy). Owner in since last outing; F if first, S - blinkers, brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider brackets. The Times Private winner. D - distance winner, CD - course and Handicapper's raing.

2.15 BAKER LORENZ WINTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,574; 2m) (14 runners)

BETTING: 4-1 Good Spart, 9-2 Striding Edge, 5-1 King Pletain, 6-1 Native Knight, 8-1 Marinstian Boy, No rus, 16-1 Robbie Burns, 18-1 Edge Kybo, 14-7 others.

1994: DESECTOR'S CHOICE 4-1Q-8 Date McKecom (13-2) W Carter 9 ran

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2.46 CAR PARKS NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,794: 3m 1f) (6 runners)

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FRAM PRICE 31 2nd to Fazer Bid at Mottingham (3m, 1 Selection: RICH REMOTESE.

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firrd).

Course specialists

2.0 NEW DUN COW NOVICES CHASE (\$2,028; 3m 2f 160yd) (9 runners)

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3.0 MAGS HEAD MOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,370: 2m) (12 runners)

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3.15 DITCHILING NOVICES HURDLE (21,360: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

Kribensis £1m Derby plan By CHRISTOPHER GOULDING

By getting breeders to enter yearings before they are even

sold, and having additional stages of entry up until five days before the race, United Race-

courses hopes to achieve a

Even if the Jockey Club

nd that is by no means certain.

approves the plan next month,

United Racecourse exucutives

will have only three months to

sell the scheme to breeders around the world before year-ling sales commence in April 1991.

Tim Neligan, managing direc-tor of United Racecourses, and Michael Webster, clerk of the

course at Epsom, had been hoping to prepare their sales pitch over Christmas in time for a global assault in January. They

now face an agonising delay.
The Thoroughbred Breeders'
Association is known to oppose
the plan but support is understood to have been expressed by
the Horseracing Advisory
Council.

Derby worth £1 million.

A PLAN to change the entry national racing's pecking order, system for the Derby and boost based on prize-money, its worldwide appeal received a By getting breeders to enter setback yesterday due to a delayed decision by racing's "It was revealed from the first

set of x-rays that there is a lesion," said Michael Stonte, the grey's trainer. "My vet will send a second batch of x-rays to the The Jockey Club had planned to consider the yearling entry plan submitted by United Race-courses at their monthly meeting in London but it has put off discussion until the New Year.

The delay has infuriated executives of United Racecourses who run Epsom, where the blue riband of the turf is staged, because it reduces their chances of having the new entry system working in time for the 1993

The re-introduction of the yearling entry stage - the last one was in 1963 for the 1965 race won by Sea Bird II - is simed at broadening and increasing funding for the

The world's most famous Flat race, worth £600,000 this year to Quest For Fame, has plunged in Hazardous journey has happy ending

BASKETBALL

By Nicholas Harling

AS A founder member of the Sunderland club, Dave Elderkin, now in his fourth spell as coach, is not only an expert on handing players but some-thing of an authority on the country's highways and byways. "Back in 1973, when the club was formed, you weren't just a

player" Elderkin recalls. "You washed the kit and drove the minibus as well." Things are different now. Sunderland have a luxury coach and Elderkin, who is now doubling up as promotion manthe Wearside team staked their

ager, is no longer the driver. But he was on board on Saturday as claim for the weekend's "show must go on" award by travelling for 1012 hours to fulfil a Carlsberg League fixture at By skirting the worst of blizzards they arrived in time for the game to begin no more

for the game to begin no more than 20 minutes late and with impressive contributions from two of their England players. Vaughan (36 points) and Bucknall (23), won 105-92. "After all they had gone through the players were in no mood to lose." Elderkin said.

Soon after he had secretary Soon after he had stepped through his front door at 7.45am on Sunday, Elderkin took a phone call from the Worthing chairman, Colin Smith, seeking confirmation of Sunderland's safe arrival home. Later he chief executive, Mike Smith, applauding the club's efforts. "All that made it worthwhile," Elderkun said.

an obligation may also stand Sunderland in good stead this weekend when they travel to Derby on Saturday for their first-round match in the Coca Cola Cup.

victory at Worcester last week.
If he does run at Ascot he will not have things all his own way as Nicky Henderson yesterday confirmed his promising novice, Remittance Man, will be The six-year-old won easily at Leicester and Newbury, and Henderson is not worried about they must be expected to beat Derby for the third time this

the prospect of such a meeting.
"He's definitely going to Ascot,
He's a smashing horse, and if we clash with Morley Street, so be it. They're going to meet sometime." Henderson is also considering where to run his new Irish-import, Mutare. The five-year-old, previously trained in Ireland by John Nicholson, won many admirers when beating Trapper John at Punchestown last month.

Henderson can choose becen the Waterloo Hurdle at Haydock Park tomorrow, where he would clash with Beech Road, or the Youngmans Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot on

Saturday.
"I'm in the throes of deciding, but he'll probably go to Ascot,"

Fast ground worry for Norton's Coin

CHELTENHAM Gold Cup winner Norton's Coin's seasonal reappearance in the Frogmore Handicap Chase at Ascot on Saturday hangs in the balance, and will depend on the weather in the next few days. Owner-Rovacabin Christmas Novices' Chase on the same card. Toby Balding will also be studying his meteorological charts before making any decisions. "I don't know," he said. in the next few days. Owner-trainer Sirrell Griffiths said "The Feltham Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day is his other race and it depends what isy: "He's cutered, and I want to run him." sort of weather vibes I get." Morley Street, fifth in last season's Champion Hurdle, won the Breeders' Cup Chase, at Beimont Park, in October, He followed that up with a facile

The ground at Ascot is still and ground at Ascot is still good to firm, which would prevent him taking his chance. Assuming that the weekend snow had softened the ground, the permit holder, based at Nantgaredig near Carmarthen, gretted news of the going with disbelief. "I can't beleive it's still good to firm. Let's hore and good to firm. Let's hope and pray for rain."

The prevailing fast ground

has prevented the nine-year-old, who sprang a 100-1 surprise when winning chasing's blue riband last March, running this going to post,

This has been a source of frustration for Griffiths, who has had no such problems on his home gallops. As he explained: "It's been super here, we've had rain since September. I just wish there was a concentration of the condi-can run on anything — he could run on concrete but I just don't want to risk him."

Now, with his first objective, the King George VI Rank Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day, only 15 days' away, Griffiths is desperate to give Norton's Coin a preparatory run.

Griffiths is now considering a recovery

racecourse gallop at a track which would provide more suit-

able going.
Moriey Street, already being touted as a future Gold Cup

Full Strength on course for Ascot

By PHIL MCLENNAN

FULL Strength, who suffered defeat for the first time in 11 Tobias, also has Garrison races when beaten by Blazing Savannah in the race but the Walker at Ascot last month, returns to the Berkshire course on Saurday for the SGB Handion one of his two Haydock engagements tomorrow.

remans to the Berkshire course on Saurday for the SGB Handicap Chase.

Gordon kichards's progressive seven-year-old is one of only 10 five-day acceptors for the £30,000 prize and one of very few definite runners.

Full Strength, beaten three lengths by Bfazing Walker over 2½ miles in the H & T Walker over 2½ miles in the H & T Walker over 19 five-day acceptors yesterday.

The ground at Ascot at the moment is still good to firm." David Stait, Mrs Pitman's assistant, said. "If it stays that way, Greystoke trainer is unconcerned. "He's a very lackadaisical type and that should help him get the trip," Richards said.

With Toby Tobias, the Gold Cup runner-up, most unlikely to run in the Coral Welsh Toby Tobias won't run."

Stait added that Royal Athlete, the stable's other top chaser, is a week or more behind Toby Tobias in his work and most unlikely to run in the Coral Welsh National on Saturday week, for which he is a 14-1 with Ballyhane and Man O'Magic sharing top weight of 11st 10lb.

Man O'Magic, sixth to Arctic Call in the Hennessy Gold Cup, is by no means a certain runner and Boraceva, second favourite for the Coral Welsh National is 50-13, Gartion Savannah, -10-11.

is by no means a certain runner and Boraceva, second favourite 12-0, Bullytune 9-10-13, Men O'Magic 9-10-13, Men O'Magic 9-10-13, Garrison Savaunah 7-10-11, likely to miss Ascot and wait for the Chepstow race on Saturday week.

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Tree elected to Chepstow put **Jockey Club**

JEREMY Tree, the former CHEPSTOW racecourse is to Beckhampton trainer, will be stage four races to commemone of five newly-elected Jockey Club members with effect from Piggott, Pat Eddery and January 1 (Phil McLennan Lanfanco Dettori.

The Puller Walvyn Handican rites). The others are Chrisopher Hall, Gurney Sheppard,
Anthony Speelman and Lord
McGowan.

Sandy Struthers is to replace

Sandy Struthers are characteristics.

Lantanes Denor.

The Fulke Walwyn Handicap
on April 2. Walwyn regularly
saddled runners at the course
until his retirement earlier this writes). The others are Chris-topher Hall, Gurney Sheppard, Anthony Speelman and Lord McGowan.

Viscount Cheisea as deputy year. senior steward and will also act Pig as chairman of the newly, each reached personal mile-formed disciplinary review stones at the course this year —

committee.

Sir Piers Bengough, the winner there, Eddery reaching Queen's representative at Ascot, takes over from Lord Vestey as becoming the first teenager to chairman of the disciplinary committee.

Yesterday's Edinburgh results

Johnson, 6-4 fav; 3, Work Mate (Mr. J. Bradburne, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Miles Caúr Royal (f), 10 Border Oak (Sin), 12 Direct inferest (4th). 6 ran. Nk, 12, 5, 2%; Mrs G Reveley Satitum-by-the-Soa. Tota: 53.70; 21.50, 21.30. DF: 22.80. CSF: 27.80.

28.38.
3.15 (2m 4f hdis) 1, MIANII SEAR (R Fahey, 8-4 fav); 2, Calloway Raiser (D Crossman, 10-1); 3. Baven Lights (P hiven, 10-1), ALSO PAN; 7-2 Easy Over, 7 Tharisis (Scr)), 8 Paint House, 12 Syrillians (Wsh, 14 Jame's Joy (f), 25 GOOD Mood (4rt), 50 Carswell's Choice (6m), Timurs Double, 11 ren, 51, 10, 2; 11, 10, 3 Serry at Cockernem, Tota: \$2.40; £1.40, £2.70, £5.80, DF; £48.80, CSF; £17.67, Tricast: £111.55.

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Piggott, Eddery and Dettori

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house in order By IAN SWEET

to put its

THE European Triathlon Union (ETU) spent many hours at its winter congress in Muhital, Germany, last weekend discussing illegal drafting, or taking pace, during the cycle discipline of this three-dimensional sport.

Triathion is on the verge of Olympic status in Atlanta in 1996 but the IOC, which is aware of drafting, has insisted that the International Triathlon Union (ITU) gets its house in

Union (ITU) gets its house in

A body of officials, authorised and recognised by the ETU with the aim of eliminating drafting on the bike section during the European championships, will be formed next year. Drafting is a problem only during leading international races in which there are many competitors of a similar high standard who invariably come out of the water together and consequently set off en masse in the bike section. Other measures, including decreasing the field size and hilly bike sections, which naturally break up packs, are being introduced. Permission to experiment on changing the order to swim, run and bike has also been given, as has making the whole event a time trial with interval starts.

Britain was awarded the 1991 European Duathlon, Run Bike Run, championships, provisionally planned for the NEC. Birmingham, in September.



Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 WAGON LOAD (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 WAGON LOAD. Going: good to firm 12.45 GALLEANO CHALLENGE CUP HANOICAP CHASE (£2,259; 2m) (6 numers)

12.45 Lord Admiral 1.15 Deciding Bid, 1.45 Red Rondo.

1 110-243 KNOCKBRACK 24 (CD.F.G.S) (G Holmes) G Ham 10-11-13 B Powell 95
2 3112-02 LORD ADMIRAL 22 (D.BF.F) (Miss in Cerroll) Mrs S Armytoge 8-10-10. Gee Armytoge 93
3 0P-2651 CASTLE JESTER 22 (D.F) (Mrs in Cerroll) Mrs S Armytoge 8-10-10. Gee Armytoge 93
4 G9-2321 HOPE END 11 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs in Cerroll) J Elect 5-10-5 Bill Jones (2)
5 8545/2-5 ARTIC CHIEF 18 (D.F) (Mrs in Protect) Mrs in Protect 94
5 4 1288U CARBER 15 (CD.F) (C Steward) J Filtrin-Hoyes 5-10-0 Bill Addition.

Selections

By Mandaria

BETTING: 2-1 Lord Admiral, 3-1 Castle Jerter, 9-2 Knockbreck, 8-1 Artic Civiet, Hope End, 19-1 Gabi 1969. KNOCKBRACK 9-11-10 B Powel (11-4) G Hem 5 ran

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because 3 in a moderate novice chase on chasing debut at First Followithms.

Selection: KNOCKBRACK (sep) 1.15 KENFIELD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1.590; 2m)

Long handicap: Snapehot Baby 9-11, Vital Vitness 9-1.

BETTING: 3-1 Deciding Sid, 4-1 Chesman 16-1 Love To Dence, 12-1 Shifnel, 14-1 others. 1980: L'ENCHERE 4-11-4 D Galleghar (3-4) G Gracey 4 ran

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LOVE TO DANCE staying-on 2013rd to Lyph at
Folkestone (2m. 100yd, good) with SMAPSHOT BABY
(2b better off) to 5th, PANEL GABLE pushed out to
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Derby, who could not stage their home league game last Saturday because there was no power at the Moorways Sports Centre, will have gone three weeks without match practice, which is not something of which Sunderland in general, or their England trio in particular, can complain. In the circumstances

Elderkin, meanwhile, is lappy to carry on coaching for as long as his chairman Brian Dobbinson delays the appoint-ment of Craig Lynch's successor - Lynch having been dismissed two weeks ago.

The win at Worthing, Elderkin believes, "has taken us a step in the right direction towards playing the game the way we want to. Worthing played shows the way to be well as the state of t played above themselves, Ronpie Baker was outstanding and Hubbard was shooting as though it was his birthday. We needed all our resources."

Among those clubs which tried, but failed, to make it on Saturday were Thames Valley Tigers, who found the M6 impassable and were forced to turn back from their trip to Manchester. Two second di-vision teams. Oldham and Broxbourne, also made strenuous efforts to beat the weather only to be denied by motorway

TENNIS

Players to

make or

break rich

new cup

By ANDREW LONGMORE

TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

Edberg and Pete Sampras, two grand siam champions, the

highlight of the opening day of the inaugural Grand Slam Cup in Munich will be the Spanish tenor, Placido Domingo, Argu-ably the world's greatest singer

extending a welcome to unargu-ably the richest tennis tour-nament. There is something appropriately dramatic about

The opening ceremony, which

features Domingo, the pop group A-Ha, performing ac-robats and a 55-piece orchestra,

is sandwiched between four first

round matches. As a measure of

the money on offer over the next six days, by the time Domingo begins to sing, the two losers of Curren v Ivanisevic and Sam-

pras v Cherkasov will have each grossed \$100,000 (£52,000) for

their efforts. Even the week's two understudies, Thierry Champion and Karel Novacek,

the leading man in the cast of 16

will be presented with a cheque for \$2 million after the final on

None of those vastly inflated

figures lends a ha'p'orth of

credence to an event, which has caused controversy from the moment it tumbled hastily and

prematurely into the world 14

months ago. Nor, contrary to the opinion of John McEnroe

and others, do they necessarily detract from it. With \$1 million

for the winner of the ATP Tour finals in Frankfurt last month

and \$2 million this week, Christ-

mas comes every month on the

No amount of money was going to tempt Boris Becker,

who said a year ago that he disagreed with the tournament

and would not compete. Like Lendl, who said the opposite all along, he has kept his word.

Neither money nor the absence of Becker and Agassi - still,

incidentally, awaiting punish-ment for withdrawing from the

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IOC feels pressure as credibility is at stake

From DAVID MILLER IN

Olympic ethics are dish of the day here, every day, on the varied menu of administrative debate. The executive board of the International Olympic Committee is wrestling behind closed doors with its two overriding issues of public credibility: Ben Johnson's reinstatement, and the secret vote system for Olympic Games host cities. Decisions have yet to be

The election of Atlanta, rather than Athens, Melbourne, Toronto or Manchester, in Tokyo in September quite unjustifiably did immeasureable harm to the IOC's reputation. Media reports around the world, knowing little of IOC mechanics or motives, wrongly said the vote was for money; for the home of Coca-Cola. The truth was that Atlanta was by some distance the best bid.

Yet, the damage by that decision to the perceived view of the IOC is nothing compared with the cynicism that will be generated should Johnson reappear in the Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992. The public, which takes interest only every four years, will conclude that acceptance of the world's most publicised cheat simply means the IOC does not care.

The executive board is at present

divided on Johnson's Olympic eligibility. There are those, including Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president, who argue that the IOC must be consistent with policy of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, which operates a twoyear ban. Samaranch claims credit for the IOC for its exposure of Johnson, in the fight against drugs, yet the positive test in Seoul in 1988 was only upheld at the time after some heated private

The repeatedly expressed view of Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the IOC medical

commission, who retired by rotation from the executive board this year, is that competitors deserve a second chance. This begs the question that cheats at Johnson's financial level need get away with it only once to be made for life. We know some who have. Johnson is expected to compete again, after IAAF reinstatement, in Hamilton, Ontario on January 11.

However, there are prominent opposing views within the IOC, such as Kevan Gosper, vicepresident, who recognise the ineradicable discredit upon the whole of sport if Johnson should be welcomed back to the next Games. Gosper would demand a mini-

mum four-year ban to include the next Games after the offence. When one considers that lawyers and medical practitioners who break their professional code of conduct are struck off for life, a four-year ban, even in a pro-fessional athletic career which rarely lasts more than ten years, seems not unreasonable to most people. The Athletes Commission, concurrently meeting here under the chairmanship of Peter Tallberg. of Finland, multiple Olympic yachtsman, and including Ed Moses and Kip Keino, has persistently demanded a life ban for offenders.

With positive tests continuing to emerge among prominent athletes in the United States - together with allegations of long-standing malpractice in both regions of united Germany — the executive board would be in dereliction of duty if it did not stand up to the most severe threat to the Olympics

On the voting issue, the board is equally divided, but on detail rather than ideology. It was agreed yesterday not to take any decision prior to the Session in Birmingham in June - at which the vote will be taken for the Winter Games host of 1998 - for fear of reflecting discreditably on the vote taken in

The changes debated for in-troduction by 1993, when the host for the Summer Games of 2000 will be decided, are twofold: that members would not be informed of the ballot figures, round by round. other than the bottom candidate to be eliminated, and that ballot papers would be named, so that, following disclosure of the result, it would be known who voted for

By not revealing voting figures round by round, members would be unable to indulge in tactical switching, and would have to stay with their first choice candidat from start to finish. By revealing names, there would be less possibility for alleged bribery, by whatever means, to persuade members to place their vote other than on preference by merit.

A more rationalised voting system might well convince the British Olympic Association to continue with the ambition of hosting the Games when they discuss the principles on January 19. They have to determine whether they are making the strongest possible bid for 2000, or continuing an ongoing process that might succeed by 2004 or 2008. Manchester announced yes-

terday that it is unshakeable in its intention to seek the BOA's backing to bid for 2000, while London's bid led by Sebastian Coe meets today to consolidate its rival campaign. There is evidence here in Lillehammer that support a preference for either of the British bids: the undoubted impact made by Bob Scott, and by the Manchester concept, during the unsuccessful bid for 1996, and the perceived foreign view of London as the more attractive city, however unspecific in detail that view might be. What is clear is that the competition will again be severe, with other bids coming from Peking, Berlin, Sydney, Milan and possibly Paris, Istanbul and Brasilia.



Carrying the torch from 1948: Gary Lineker, the England football captain, joins Sebastian Coe in backing London's bid for the 2000 Olympic Games yesterday

CRICKET

Pakistan's hopes of escape

From JOHN WOODCOCK IN LAHORE

PAKISTAN gave up any realistic idea of winning the third Test match here against West Indies long ago. By close of play on Saturday they would have settled eagerly for a draw, and when play ended yesterday they still had eight second-innings wickets standine and were nearer than they had been then to achieving

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imnings to an abrupt end by becoming only the third bowler in Test history to take four wickets in five balls - the last five of an over which began with the West Indian score at 172 for 6 and ended with their being all for 173. Maurice Allom, for England against New Zealand at Christchurch in 1929-30, and Chris Old, for England against Pakistan at Edgbaston in 1978, are the only other bowlers to have taken four wickets in five balls, though

dropped by Dujon off Mar-shall. If West Indies should Tests at 14.3 apiece.

hardly have been easier. declare West Indies second

penultimate over of the mornbowled. But yesterday's short-

said that play could start. For an hour, the morning's play, when eventually it started, 45 minutes late, prohat-trick, a chance which

6.25. Akram's five for 28 gave

I admit to believing, when error which will haunt Dujon Pakistan went in, that the for an uncomfortably long match could well be all but over by the close. It had taken West Indies only 40.2 overs to Haynes's decision not to bowl Pakistan out in their declare West Indies second second innings of the second innings before lunch — in the Test and 49.2 in their first event they were all out in the innings here. Now, in 39

in the way of luck. Rameez was probably caught at the wicket, and given not out, off Hooper's first ball, and there was Shoaib's escape against Marshall; but by the time Walsh strock, right at the last moment, the West Indians were looking decidedly unamused. As for the pitch, it was not quite the rogue that it had been for much of Saturday, and that you had been led to believe it would be. Pakistan, even so, are a long way from safety.

BOWLING: Immin Khan 13-5-32-2, Waqii Younis 8-0-32-1, Masood Anwar 13-1-43 1, Wasiin Altram 9-0-25-5, Abdu Chidir 4 0-19-0, Shoeib Mohammad 1-0-1-0.

ICE HOCKEY

Raiders of the lost art stung

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

THE weekend weather played havoc with the Heineken League programme and only six games were played. The five premier division fixtures that took place confirmed the fine form of Durham Wasps and Cardiff Devils' continuing

vulnerability.

The Wasps went to Ayr
Raiders, where the home side
introduced three new imports after the departures of their Canadian players last week. It package put together by the receivers to ensure the existence of the Raiders for the rest of the season, did not suit them.

With Jason Hannigan fit again, the Wasps were at full strength for the first time in six games, and even on the tiny Ayr rink, proved too resourceful for

the Raiders.

The Devils lost to Peterborough Pirates for the first time in ten meetings, but with the Welsh side holding a 5-2 lead, it weish side holding a 5-2 lead, it seemed an unlikely outcome. Six third-period goals for the Pirates sent the East Midlands fans home happy.

Fife Flyers were without their leading scorer, Rick Fera, because of a groin injury, but their local yoursters came to

their local youngsters came to the rescue against Whitley Warriors on Saturday, combining for seven goals in an 8-5 win. On Sunday, however, they found Cleveland Bombers too good for

After Tony Hand had scored what he thought was the win-ning goal for Murrayfield Racers against Whitley Warriors with four seconds left, the referee decreed that the goal net had come off its moorings. Hand was awarded a misconduct pen-alty for showing his displeasure...

RESULTS: Heinelten premier league division: Ayr Raiders 3, Durham Wassa? 7: Fish Pyers 8, Whittey Warriors 5; Cleve-land Bombers 6, File Plyers 5; Peter-borough Peters 8, Carraiff Devis 8 Whittey Warriors 6, Murrayfield Recers 6 First division: Bracknell Boes 3; Slough Inte 10.

• There has been a change of venue for Great Britain's game against the Soviet club side Lada Togliarti, on January 2. It will now take place at Murrayfield, face-off 7.30pm.

Dobson's choice is put to the test

THIS time last year Helen given up for the time being. Dobson was the only contender taking on a milk round and Dobson was the only contender taking on a mile round and for the title of woman gotfer of some studying instead.

"I think Sue's just had enough the outstanding amateur in the country. Now that she has turned professional, with a barence, injury-plagued season behind her, what are her aspirations?

As befits a pizyer of her ability from being burned out, having and common sense, her are had to twiddle her thumbs

and common sense, her am- had to twiddle her thumbs bitions are neither modest (after (carefully) for 15 weeks this all, she will not be 20 until summer. She stopped playing February) nor immodest. "Fd after the Curtis Cup in July to like to finish in the top 20," she try to heal the damage, and now said yesterday, "and it would be she is back to playing 18 holes a

nice to win a couple of tournaments if possible, but I won't
really know until I have played
in a few events and seen what
the standard is like.

day.

"I'm not allowed to practise
much," Dobson said, "because
there's still a bit of inflammation in the joint of the elbow. It "It'll be much harder and a doesn't hurt and there are no

big change," she said. "There'll twinges" not be as much socialising or She exp sitting in the bar having a Internati The intensive travelling holds no worries for her, for, living out on a limb, in Lincolnshire, she has become well used to that. Neither did she seem worried by investment. In any bad the example of Sue Shapcott, one of her predecessors as a star English amateur, who turned professional last year but has

By PATRICIA DAVIES

She expected to sign up with International Management Group in the next week or two. anticipated on the women's European tour next season, Dobson should prove a shrewd ments, she can always take heart from the fact that Angela Uzielli, her successor as golfer of the year, is 50 years old.

ment for windrawing from the event — nor volumes of propaganda will predetermine the success or failure of the GSC.

Its fate rests altimately with the spirit of the 16 who have qualified by their performances in the grand slams this year and received invitations to also. accepted invitations to play.

The younger players like
Sampras and Goran Ivanisevic,
the ones on whom the future of the tournament might rest, have yet to make up their minds, but tend towards the ATP's "glori-fied exhibition" line. They will be influenced by the attitude of

who are more positive, and they their views by the end of the week. So will the sponsors and the multi-million television andience worldwide. . If, for example, they have to watch a cheque for

being handed to Christian Bergstrom, ranked, pretty accurately, at No. 80 in the world a few questions might be asked about next year's event. On the between Edberg and Sampras, two of the four grand slam champions in the field (Lendl and Gómez are the other two), a itself, will do more than any amount of moncy to wipe away the doubts and make the Grand Slam Cup an accepted "fifth" grand slam.

CRDER OF PLAY: K Curren v G tvanisevic; P Sampras v A Chericasov; S Edberg v M Chang; H Leconta v T Mustar.

SNOOKER

Griffiths expunges his deficit

ing of real note since 1986, yet at the age of 43 he is still ranked at No. 6 in a game increasingly

dominated by youth.

Resilience has always been among the meticulous Welshman's most sterling qualities as John Parrott, the world No. 3, found in the first session of their Coalite World Matchplay quarter-final at the Brentwood. Centre, Essex, yesterday. After four frames Griffiths was 4-0 down. After eight he was level. Griffiths can be terribly negative at times and it is when

caution is his watchword that he

TERRY Griffiths, who took the world championship in 1979 at his first attempt, has took nothing of the proved, at first, yesterday. He misread an easy pot at 63-4 proved, at first, yesterday. He misread an easy pot at 63-4 ahead and allowed Parrott the chance for the winning clearance of 61 in in the first frame. The Liverpool player then made a break of 131 for 2-0.

Parrott secured the third frame with a clearance of 60 but was extremely fortunate when, in attempting the frame-ball pink, he bounced it off the jaws of the left-hand middle pocket and saw it roll obligingly into the top right pocket.

Another fine clearance of 92.

following another error by Griffiths, who had led 39-0, made it 4-0. Yet another Welsh blunder

v Abingdon Town (7.45); Brackmell v Malderi Vele; Hornchurch v Kingebury; Newbury v Hernel Hampstead (7.45); Ware v Tibury.
HIS LOANS LEAGUE CUP: Second round replay. Mossley v Bangor. First division: Einstwood Town v Worksop. Hernogals v Acchingon Stanier, Midland division: Reddicth Und v Dudley.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Floodight Trophy: Bootle v Colwyn Bay; Great Harwood v Citheros.

RUGBY UNION

v Cambridge University (Stoop Memoriel ground, 11.30).

TOUR MATCH: Rosslyn Park v Wellington, New Zustand (6.15); Northampton v Queensland (7.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

REGAL TROPHY: Second round: Featherstone Rovers v St Helens.

MOTORCYCLING: 885 18.30-19.30;

UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford University (Twickers) Combridge University (Twickers) 2.00). Under-21 match: Oxford Unive

seemed to have opened the fifth frame to Parrott, the runner-up for the last two years. But this time he also missed a sitter and potted only six balls in the final four frames as Griffiths turned the tables.

Steve Davis, the 1988 winner. was troubled on Sunday night both by the cold, when the central heating failed, and by Martin Clark, who won three frames from 8-2 down. But Davis secured his semi-final

TABLE TENNIS Romania exile to compete

CALIN Creanga, the gifted Romanian who defected while reaching the European youth championships semi-finals in Athens two years ago is to play in the British League (Richard Eaton writes). One of the Continent's most promising young players at the age of 19, Creanga could have an important bear-ing on the destination of the league title following his signature for Butterfly Ormesby. the second placed Cleveland

"We feel this makes the race wide open again," the Ormesby manager, Aian Ransome, said after completing a signing that he had been attempting for weeks. The deal was secured with the help of England European youth silver medal winner, Michael O'Driscoll. Creanga, who has been based in Athens since his defection. lines up in an Ormesby team

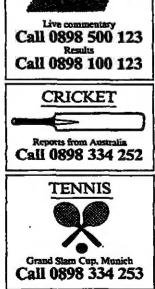
land earlier this year.

Chen is the only English player to receive an invitati play in the Pondus Cup tomos;

for Ormesby

club.

containing one other notable emigrant. Chen Xinhua, the former World Cup winner from





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partly to Haynes, for contin-uing West Indies' second innings until they were bowled out, but most of all to Rameez Raja and Shoaib Mohammad, who came together when Pakistan had lost a wicket without a run on the board in their second innings and were separated only as bad light was about to stop play for the day. Needing an incidental 346 to

win. Pakistan were then 90 for brought West Indies' second after the umpires had already

two more Englishmen, Fred Titmus and Ken Cranston, also took four wickets in one over of a Test match. When Aamer Malik was

caught at short leg in the first over of Pakistan's second innings, off a horrid flier, his was the fifth wicket to have balis off one of the two, No. 10, had been droppped. The most critical catch to go down during the day, though, was when Shoaib, then 15, was fail to win today that was an time, for the catch could

by Brian Walsh, QC, the

No agenda has been sent to the 21 district members who

were given six days notice.

instead of the usual 14, and

yesterday speculation was rife. Mr Walsh said it was only an

emergency meeting in "a tech-nical sense" and added: "We

wanted to hold one before the

new year to discuss general

matters and there is provision in

But yesterday one committee

ing - has to rank as the most cautious of the year. The one thing that might prevent West Indies from winning was lack of time, not least because the combination of morning dew and early gloaming has been accounting each day for between 15 and 20 of the 72 overs which are meant to be fall of 19 was partly because

ceeded uneventfully enough. Hooper and Logic took their fifth wicket partnership to 108 before Hooper was run out attempting one short single too many. Forty minutes later, came Akram's improbable over. With the second ball of it, which took off from a good length, he had Dujon caught at the wicket; Ambrose was legbefore to the third and Bishop put down at mid-on off the

Imran running to his left, would normally have held. Akram shrugged this off by knocking out Marshail's off stump with the fifth ball of the over and having Walsh leg-before with the last. Take fallen in the course of seven away Logie's 59 and Hooper's 49 and the other nine West Bishop, the West Indian Indians had scored 28 between them. Greenidge's batting average for the series is 9.66, Dujon's 6.0 and Best's

Tests at 14.3 apiece.

There is circumstantial evidence to support both hypotheses. Walsh is to face opposition

for the first time since he was

elected to the Leeds seat in 1984

and, as a leading member of the northern Bar, may not want to become embroiled in a muddy

fight with an opponent, Further,

his vote in committee in favour

of an overseas player, a move that was defeated 15-5, has

weakened his position as

CRICKET

Yorkshire's members

scent a new mystery

By MARTIN SEARBY

THERE is an element of mystery surrounding an emergency bowler, who meets the cricket committee called for tomorrow comments in the media about

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and the other in the last, when Walsh produced a shooter for Rameez. In between, the West Indians seemed quite unable to match Akram for accuracy. They bowled nothing like straight enough, and Shoaib. and Rameez both showed fine judgment in knowing what could be safely left. This was an absolutely first-

the teams had to wait ten rate partnership, full of courminutes for the president of age, Shoaib kept being hit on Pakistan to appear — they the hand, and defiance. The

WEST BIDLES; First innings 294 (C Hooper 134; Waskin Aleram 4 for 61)

PAKISTAN: First Innings 122 (C E Ambrose 5 for 34, I R Bishop 5 for 41)

Selim Melik, "huren Khen, Weelin Aloran †Moin Khen, Mesood Anwer, Abdul Cadir Wager Young to bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-90. BOWLING: Ambrose 11-2-20-1, Bishot 11-4-22-0, Watch 5-0-25-1, Marshall 8-3 11-0, Hooper 3-0-10-0.

YACHTING

Thackaberry sails close to the icebergs

AS JOHN Martin closed to within 2,000 miles of Sydney last night, at the head of the 21 strong BOC Challenge, the single-handed round the world race, Paul Thackaberry, the Corinthian class leader, was sailing deep into iceberg territory in an effort to coasolidate his lead over Robin Davic, of Britain (Barry Pickthall writes). According to the Argos sat ellite plots yesterday, Thacka-berry's short cut around the bottom of the globe puts him 114 miles ahead of Davie, but in terms of easting, the Am is still one degree behind the

But yesterday one committee
man posed two questions: "Why
is there no agenda and why, if
the matter is routine, was it not
dealt with at the November
meeting?"

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FOOTBALL

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TODAY'S FIXTURES brackets): Dorchester (2) v Crawley (1): Trowbridge (2) v Bilston (0): Taird round, first leg: Buckinghem v Weithfootfiel: Burton v Heonesford: Terreorth v Berry-PONTHIS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.00): Flinst Householder, 1841 v Centerfalm.

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23.30-midnight Racing news.
RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 08.3010.00: France v Australia.
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SHOOKER: Eurosport 12:30-14:30 and 23:30-01:30: ITV 14:20-15 15 and 23:40 00:30: World matchplay from the Brent-wood Centre. Screensport 21:00-23:00: World championesis highlights. SPORTEDESIC 858 13.25, 18.00, 19.30, 22.50 and midnight.

Rotherham who played for Eng-

Cram vows to v

United are forced to bow to television's demands for cup-tie MANCHESTER United have and put alternatives up to Nottingham Forest, followed

to delay their FA Cup third round tie against Queen's Park Rangers to January 7.

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September.

The FA made the switch to the Monday to allow BSkyB, who hold joint televising rights with the BBC, to screen the match live to its satellite audience. But Martin Edwards, the chief executive at Old Trafford, said: "We are not too happy that the game has been switched to the Monday and we have spoken to the FA about it.

"Obviously it's their competition, they have sold the rights to BSB and there is nothing we can do about it. We have been told that we have been chosen as the live game and we will be expected to play on the Monday.

them but it looks as if we will by the draw at 5.30. have to play on the Monday.

"Our fans will not be too pleased about it but those are the rules of the competition and we enter accepting the rules. Ideally we would have liked to play on Saturday or if not on Sunday." United have supporters'

club branches through Britain and thousands of fans make the trek from as far afield as Malta and southern and northern Ireland for home games. United will receive a television fee of £60,000 but that will be of little compensation if this week's wintry conditions return to reduce the attendance.

The BBC's live game on Sunday, January 6 (kick-off "We looked at the Sunday 3pm), will be Crystal Palace v

No Bull market at Wolverhampton

WOLVERHAMPTON Wandeters last night offered further evidence that they have no need to sell their prize possession, steve Bull, by announcing an operating profit for last season of £800,000 (Chris Moore writes). Dealings in the transfer market reduced the actual profit margin to £300,000.

Wolverhampton had earlier confirmed they had turned down "out of hand" a bid from Everton for their England international forward.

"Until Steve Bull comes to me and says he wants to leave the situation will remain un-changed," Jack Harris, the Wolves chairman, said. "No club in the country has

enough money to put in front of us to tempt us to want to sell him. He is a cult figure at Molineux, and a well-behaved "Before this summer there

might have been one or two doubts that someone could have made us the sort of offer we couldn't refuse. But that has not been the case since Sir Jack

three matches of the season if the league carries out cost-

cutting measures adopted by

After a season in which several clubs have been enguised

by financial scandals and threat-ened with bankruptcy, the chair-

men decided on the cuts, the most painful of which will be the

reduction of playing staffs from 21 to 19 next season.

If this season ends in a strike

it will be a pity, since the championship was thrown wide open on Sunday when Auxerte

The result cut the gap between

Marseilles since the club was

sequired by Bernard Tapec in

1986 and it follows a period of uncertainty that began in

first division to two points.

the two clubs at the top of the

club chairmen on Saturday.

Hayward took control of the club.

"He has given us the financial stability we needed. Our only problem now is to get the ground up to standard and we

are moving in the right direction on that issue." Cardiff City yesterday claimed compensation for the loss of the Wales v Belgium European championship match. The game, played on October 17 and won 3-1 by Wales, was switched from Ninian Park to the National Stadium because of possible problems over visiting

supporters at the ground.
The FAW will consider the matter next month. Mark Dennis, the Crystal
Palace defender, has been suspended for two weeks and fined
an undisclosed amount for "a
breach of internal club

discipline".

Dennis, aged 29, failed to report for a reserve game last week. The former Birmingham, Southampton and Queen's Park Southampton and Queen's Park Rangers player has not played in Palace's first team since New

French threaten strike

brought an end to that run. They took the lead after only six

minutes when Cocard scored

but the match was settled in four minutes after half-time. Between the 49th and 52nd

minute Auxerre scored three times, through Roache, Scifo and the Hungarian, Kovaks.

Roache's goal was particularly unwelcome to Marseille, since

they had loaned him to Auxerre.

Beckenbauer was at a loss to explain. He said: "Auxerre de-

served to win but we were mostly to blame. I told my

players to take it easy when we fell behind but they rushed forward like little kids."

Bad weather forced the postponement of many Euro-

pean fixtures at the weekend, among them those involving two of the leaders of the Italian

first division, Sampdoria and

Clough

picked

in club

position

ALGIERS (Agencies) — Nigel Clough has been awarded another England chance and the Nottingham Forest forward is determined to make the most of

here yesterday after learning that he would feature prom-inently in the plans of the

manager, Graham Taylor, for today's B international against

the African champions in the

Clough was the first to recognise that he let himself down 18 months ago when he collected his only senior cap, against Chile at Wembley in the Rous Cup.

On that occasion, he played alongside another newcomer, John Fashanu, but Taylor has paid the Forest manager's son

the compliment of naming him

in his club position, acting as a linkman for the front runners, Alan Smith and Ian Wright.

"This will be the first time that I've really played in my Forest position for a repre-sentative side," Clough said. "I

was disappointed not to take my chance against Chile. I had a couple of good opportunities which I should have taken and I

couldn't really complain about being left out. And I let myself down at club level, by my own standards, throughout the next scason."

Taylor, who is giving his

players the chance to stake a claim for the next senior inter-national, against Cameroon in February, has long admired Clough's deft touches.

He has also made it clear that to include the Forest man in his

full international plans would mean reshuffling the system. He

said: "This is an opportunity to play him in his Forest role. He is

pay min in als rorest role. He is difficult to mark and I want to see how things develop."

Taylor is going into the game knowing little about the opposition but believes he has enough experienced players to opposite.

Bryan Robson will captain the

Rous Cup.

• Weather permitting, four FA Cup second round ties could be settled tonight. Chesterfield and Bolton Wanderers - four times winners of the competition compete for a home third round tie against Whitley Bay or Barrow, who play

Rotherham and Halifax Town contest a third round trip to Swansea City, while Cambridge United and Fulham replay at the Abbey Stadium after Friday night's goalless draw at Craven

Inclement conditions prevented Shrewsbury Town and Chorley from taking the field for a second round tie scheduled for Gay Meadow on Saturday, but they meet tonight. The match will mark a return to Gay Meadow for John Williams, the manager of the HFS Loans league side, who grew up near Shrewsbury and supported the local club.

The Notts County manager, Neil Warnock, has apologised to Chariton Athletic over the postponement of Saturday's second division game at Selhurst Park. The match was called off because County were stranded in Nottingham, prompting Charlton to claim that they should be given the points because County had

London 24 hours earlier. Warnock said: "I've got every sympathy with Charlton. I am sure we would have been annoyed in the same situation but I can only say that we did everything possible. We explored every avenue but the police advised us it would be foolish to try and travel down to London."

failed to heed the weather

warnings and travel to

Satellite switch

advantage, beating Cesena 5-1.
Matthaus scored twice and

Klinsmann once as Inter moved

into a two-point lead at the top. Most notable among the other matches was the 1-1 draw

between Palma and Bologna.
Taffarel, the Brazilian goalkeeper, who plays for Palma,
was sent off in a match which

was otherwise distinguished by the brief appearance of

Guiseppe Lorenzo, who came on as a substitute for Bologna and was sent off ten seconds

later, apparently for trying to

PSV Eindhoven maintained

their position at the top of the Dutch first division by beating

Fortuna Sittard 5-1, Bostung Fortuna Sittard 5-1, Bostung twice. Ajax kept themselves within a point by beating Feyenoord 4-0.

punch an opponent.

side from the back, where he is joined by Gary Mabbutt and Gary Pallister. They know that with Paul Parker ruled out for The second division rugby three months with knee trouble, there is an opening Mel Sterland, Neil Webb and Alan league match between Whitehaven and Selford on Sunday will now kick off at 1pm as it is being shown by British Smith are others looking to resurrect their international

made his only full appearance in Saudi Arabia two years ago while Smith's last start was in rece the following February.

Webb went to the World Cup finals and was named in Tay-lor's first three full squads. But THE French national union of the top. Auxerre's remarkable half the first division was in professional footballers has victory, which came only two action. Internazionale took full threatened to strike for the last weeks before the winter break advantage having Common 5.1 he has not started an inter-national since snapping his months ago.

He returned to the Manchester United side last Saturday after being dropped for the previous two sames, while Robson made his first senior appearance of the season in the same match, as substitute. Taylor has made it clear that if the England captain has a future it will be in a sweeper's

position.
"Playing there doesn't bother raying there doesn't bother me," Robson said. "t's a chall-enge to try to keep a clean sheet and playing as sweeper still enables you to get forward." Taylor will be disappointed if Robson doesn't do that tomorrow. He is also keen to see how the Crystal Palace captain Geoff Thomas copes in midfield on his debut.

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ENGLAND B: N Mertyn (Crystel Palace);
M Starland (Leeds), D Barrowa (Liverpool), N Webb (Manchester United), B Mebbent (Toroninam), G Pallister (Manchester United), B Robsen (Manchester United), N Clough (Nottingham Forest), A Smith (Areenal), 1 Wright (Crystal Palace), G Thomse (Crystal Palace) In Spain, Real Madrid moved

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OLD Brentwoods defeated Old

September when Franz Beckenbauer was appointed coach. Since then, Marseilles have been unimpressive but successClub championship by beating Into second place by beating into second place by beating but ragueno, Sanchez and Losada, but they remained five points behind Barcelone ful, moving four points clear at Olympia, of Paragnay, barely

OVERSEAS RESULTS

WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: AC Milan
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AFRICAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Club
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(agc; 1-4).
BELGIAN LEAGUE: Lokeren 0, Anderlecht 1; Standard 3, Genk 1: Bearschot 0,
Charlerol 2; FC Mechân 2, Elssren 1;
Waregem 2, FC Bruges 2; RWD Molenbeek 0, Lerne 0; SK Bruges 2; RVD Milolenbeek 0, Lerne 0; SK Bruges 2; RVD MiloLenbeek 1, Lerne 0; SK Bruges 2; RVD MiloLigge 1. Leading poelitions (after 17
mitches): 1, Ghent, 28; 2, Anderlecht, 29;
3. FC Bruges, 24.
BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: SemiSmall, wecond leg Gremic 1, São Psulo 0
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Cepens 1, Internazionale 5; Florestina 1,
Berl 1; Lazio 1, Genos 1; Lecos 2, Capilari 0;
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Zbrojovka Brno 0; Slave Prague 0, DAC
Dungiska Streda 1; Sigma Clorouc 1,
Banik Ostrava 0. Leading positions (after 15
matches): 1, Union Cheb, 20pts; 2,
Slovan Bradelsva, 19; 3, DAC Dunajska
Streda, 19.
DUTCH LEAGUE: Feyencord Rotterdam
0, Ajax Amsterdam 4; FC Den Insag 3, FC
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iova, 24pts; 2, Dinamo Bucharest, 24; 3, 3sesus Bucharest, 23.

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SWISS LEAGUE: Young Boys Bern 6, Wettingen 1; FC Zurich 1, Lucarne 0; Ston 2, Grasshoppers 1; Senvette 0, St Galt 2; Asrau 1, Neuchtest Xamez 3; Lugano v Laustaines, poetponad, Leading poetpone 1, Son, pl 21, 28 pos; 2, Neuchtest Xamez, 9 2. Grasshoppers 1: Servette 0, St Cati 2: Aarau 1, Meuchest Xarrax 3: Lugaro v Lussanne, postpond, Laeding positioner 1. Ston, pl 21, 25 pts; 2, Neuchest Xarrax, 21, 25; 3, Grusshoppers, 21, 25.

TURKISH LEAGUE: Karshyske 0, MKE Ankaragucu 2; Trabzonspor 1, Serlyer 0; Burtaspor 2, Konyaspor 1; Beldricoyapor 0, Zaytinburtuspor 0; Adamaspor 2, Bohspor 2, Genclerbriigi 1, Aydinspor 1; Gelatassaray 7, Gencienterpspor 0; Bestitus 1, Fenerbehos 1, Leading positions (after 14 matches); 1, Gentassaray, 33pts; 2, Trabzonspor, 28; 3, Bestitus, 28.

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Malvernians 5-4 after extra time in the Arthur Dunn Cup. In a match where shots were fired in profusion at both ends, Brentwood were ahead 2-1 at half time. A header from Harris and a penalty by lain Denham and a penalty by lain Denham put Malvern in front, but a late goal from Davis took the match to extra time. Drayton and Roe put Brentwood ahead, and although King narrowed the gap, Malvern could not find the equaliser. Old Foresters came back from a 2-0 deficit to level the score against Repton. This could not prevent their visitors find-ing the decider. Old Eastbournians, making their first appearance in the com-

petition, were still in touch with Lancing at half time, but experience began to tell and Lancing Play only became possible between Old Carthusians and Old Salopians when snow had been swept from the lines. Under difficult conditions, the match was decided by a firsthalf goal, which was scored by Charles May for Carthusians.

Cram vows to have shot at 1,500 metres again

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT STEVE Cram, Britain's mile world record-holder, is to have one more attempt at winning another championship 1,500 decided to keep faith with the know I can still do that shorter event and tackle it at the

By DAVID POWELL

is not a lot around to beat — no one around to be frightened of."

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Luropean championship, he has trained hard. championship triumph in 1986, but he added: "The event has gone backwards rather than fowards; 3min 32sec was the metres. After considering a move up to 5,000 metres, he has best in the world this year and I Injuries have impeded Cram world championships in Tokyo
"At the moment, I am sticking with 1,500 metres." Cram, three of his titles: world.

"Souther event and tackle it at the moment and the last interest the world championships. There is no reason why I can't go to "Split gave me a lot of Tokyo and be commentative in the encouragement at the end of the

"Things have been going really well and I have been doing about 70 to 75 miles a week," he said. "I said after Split that I

Cram achieved his fifth place in Split against the expectations of many. Injury and illness had restricted his appearances to a handful all summer. To have only Herold, di Napoli, Silva limited training helped conwould think about moving up to 5,000 metres. I probably will run world title he won in 1983 but a couple, but they won't be in lost to Abdi Bile in 1987.

First sponsor for sportshall athletics



DALEY Thompson (pictured above), whose speed at the age of 14 in games hall races gave Haywards Heath Harriers the first hist of the athlete to come, returned to his roots yesterday, though not in Haywards Heath but in Frodsham (David Powell writes). Haywards Heath found Thompson for British athletics. Frodsham, by its sportshall athletics innovation, hopes to play a part in discovering the Thompsons of tomorrow.

Sportshall athletics has one notable graduate in Flona May, the long jumper voted Britain's leading woman field eventer of 1990. "She was in the Derbyshire team at 13," George Bunner, the scheme's founder, said. "It all started in Frodsham. We had no track and no facilities, but we did have a local sportshall." And yesterday he got

That is the sum which Adidas is to put into sportshall athletics over the next three years, its first sponsorship. Money to help the eight to 15 age group participate in athletics throughout the year. Bunner wants children to enjoy their sport enough to maintain interest through to an age when they are ripe for specific coaching. "If we had not kept Fiona May going in the winter, she might not have turned up in the There will be Sportshall Athletics

Association national championships in March and April. "We now have something like 10,000 children and we want to see a mass multiple of that over the next three years," Bunner said. With its purpose-built equipment, such as the "reversaboard" for

bouncing skateboard-style off the walls, it may belp to fill a void in the schools.

"We have read with increasing concern about the decline in fitness of children and of sport in schools," Robin Money, of Adidas, said. The need for sportshall athletics was emphasised by the Ama-teur Athletic Association development officer for the north, John Temperton, "A lot of clubs know nothing else than to send their kids out on a three-mile run in winter," Temperton said.

As yesterday's demonstration in Frodsham, in front of Thompson, Steve Cram and John Regis, showed, you can run, jump or throw in sportshall athletics. Sure, Britain is the best in Europe, but it has its weaknesses. The shot, for example, "In one weekend we had 400 children putting the shot," Bunner said. Another Thompson among them? A shot in the dark, perhaps, but better than no shot at all

Vikings of the ski slopes

TO HAVE to go seeking the secret of Norway's renaissance as an Alpine skiing nation from a man who once walked away, bead shaking, from the British effort to achieve similar fame is apologetically when one says as much.
"We did all we could with

what we had when I coached the wint we had when I coached the British team in the early Eighties," he said. "The problem was not with skiers but with the administration. Too many committees," It is proper to add management is now lean and mean compared to the system Bartsch fought but what his latest successors attempt places Britain where Norway stood five years ago. Hearing a Norwegian skier.

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climate ("Five years ago we were amateur in our thinking and our preparation, so we never truly believed") was to listen to echoes of every conversation with British skiers conversation with British skiers for the past two decades. Is what Norway has achieved too staggering an example to follow? Bartsch is in charge of a slim team, compared with the giant squads of Austria, Switzerland and France. But Norway had four men in the top 30 of the season's opening slalom, then four in the first 20 of Saturday's first downhill. And as the ski first downhill. And as the ski caravanseral rolled on into Italy yesterday, it was the men in Norway's ominously dark uni-form that locals feared as the main challenge to the local hero. Tomba, who was practising bard for five days before the rest

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arrived. When last winter a Norwegian, and often two, appeared in the top 10 of each of the four solo specialist, like Sweden's

skiing disciplines, there was talk great Stemmark. But almost at of a mere tide in the fortune of once Atle Skaadal broke from

nations. No one believes any more that we are simply seeing some Norse god smiling on a land that produced no Alpine ace since the Fifties. Bartsch is also plain on that

point. "Our secret? Well, it is not luck. I have a different training method. You cannot coach downhill with downhill runs alone. I break all skiing into its elements, the turns, the gliding, the jumps. Work always on these. Then demand that the racers assemble all the parts for themselves. Now I have five men in my team of seven who are capable of winning a World Cup now. I will be unhappy if, by the end of one year, the other two are not of this standard. But the important point is each what. the important point is not what I

this also,
"It goes wider even than this,
"It goes wider even than this, For many years Norway admired only Nordic skiers, Alpine teams were nothing. Now all Norway is behind these few men ... they are the tip of a national effort."

national effort."

Two sponsors came forward, a shipping magnate for the men's team, the national salmon-fishing industry for the women, and Bartsch suddenly had a £1.1 million budget (roughly four times the British total) to back the effort. "It was not too much money compared." not too much money, compared with the big countries, but we could manage. But we still needed a little more light, someone had to strike a spark." That spark flared off two men: first, Ole Christian Furuseth, who won three skaloms in 1989 to get the circus asking idly whether Scandinavia had some-how turned up another isolated

the pack of top-15 finishers with two World Cup victories in the far more glamorous downbill races last season. Could there be more to come? Within months, two 19-year-

olds from this same tiny group, Asmost and Kyus, won titles in the world junior champion-ships. In the first super giant of Linberg, made the improbable leap from 71st place in the rankings to twelfth. While the sport was still taking this in, Linberg began training for the first downhill of the season with times faster than even the most famous racers - before a cruel crash which sent him home to that will take a year to repair. "Linberg was a meteor, who will flare again," Bartsch said. "Confidence is not any more our problem. Over-confidence may be." But technique under-writes bravura. What is also

becoming famous is the cross-discipline ability of the team. Each man must ski at least three of the four events; it was noted how the stalomist, Lasse Kyus, starting among the handful of unrated who are sent down to help set the course, returned so startling a time he finished eleventh, well among the down-hill points at the Val d'Isère downhill.

"A Norway skier who is champion can be rich," Thorsen said. "And I think it would be the same for any British skier." Northey gives lead

Sarah Northey, of Reading Royals, heads the British synchronised swimming team for the Europa Cup from November 23 to 25.

IN BRIEF

Doyle hit by virus TONY Doyle, Britain's only

professional track cyclist on the winter international circuit, was recovering yesterday from a debilitating stomach virus that prevented the defence of his European madison title in Grenoble at the weekend. He had been unwell before

leaving for France but his condition worsened 24 hours before the 80km championship in which he was to have been partnered by Pier-Angelo Bincoletto, of Italy, MOTOR CYCLING: Suzuki have signed the Belgian, Didier de Radigues, to ride alongside Kevin Schwantz in the world 500cc championship next sea-

son, a spokesman for the Japanese works team said in Belgium on Monday. De Radigues rode an Aprilia 250cc bike for the past two seasons but was dogged by mechanical problems. His best result was second in this year's Belgian grand prix.

REAL TENNIS: The world No. 1, Lachlan Deuchar, and Wayne Davies, the world chamwayne Davies, the world cham-pion combined superbly to de-leat the talented Peter Meares and Robert Fahey in the excit-ing, all-Australian final of the British Open real tennis doubles British Open real tennis doubles championship at Queen's Club. RESULTS: George Wimpey British Open doubles championship: Final: W Davise and L Deuchar (Aus) bt P Means and R Fahey (Aus), 6-1, 6-0, 6-4. MOTOR RACING: Eddie Jordan has signed the Bedjain driver, Bertrand Gachot, aged 27, for the 1991 Formula One world championship. Gachot is scheduled to begin testing the recently unveiled Jordan-Ford at Silverstone later this week.

Wolverhampton Wanderers have signed Paul Stancliffe, the central defender, on a free transfer from Sheffield United.

FOR THE RECORD



HATFIELD HOUSE: Goorge Winnpoy British over-50 chemplomaths: Third round: J Ward at States, 8-0, B Church bit R Magowen, 8-7; G Atons bit D Allen, 3-0; A Crook bit M Boutwood, 8-3; D Saven-Thomas bit D Rowe, 8-4; C Dean bit W Copilan, 8-5. Charter-finals: Ward bit Church, 6-1; 6-0; P Dartoy bit J Tours, 6-3, 6-3; Ashire bit Crook, 4-6, 8-0, 6-2; Dean bit Seven-Thomas, 8-2, 6-1. Semi-finals:

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MOTOR RALLYING MBD-MYRRAL STAGES (at Outlon Parit; 1, J Stringer (Ford Escort), 34min 48esc; 2, P Taylor (Ford Escort), 35.42; 3, M Berber (Vaudutal Nova), 55.44; 3, M Berber (Vaudutal Nova), 55.44; 5, M Berber (Vaudutal (Ford Escort), 28.01; 2, E Princherd (Siema Cosworth), 28:14; 3, T Bengry (Paugeot 205), 28:20. OPPOSTE LOCK RALLY (Lincoinshire) 1, N Concarnon (Ford Sierral, 51:19; 2, S Hard (Toyota Celles), 52:40; 3, C Lewis (Paugeot 205), 53:20. NORDIC SKIING

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THIRNDER BAY. Cassala: World Cape Shi Jamping (120m): 1. A Felder (Austrie), 213.7ps (11.0m), 118.5m; 2. F Pess (Yug), 210.9 (112.5, 118.5); 3. A-P Sattice (Fig), 798.8 (118.5, 105.0). Overeal: 1, Fetter, 75ps; 2. A Kissauscher (Ger), 54; 3, Petak, 52.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SPEED SKATING CALCARY: World Cust Mer. 5,000m; 1. T Gustatann (Swe), 6min 44,88sec; 2. Ben van cs Gurg Nebri, 6:45,64; 3. R Signel (ft), 6:48.10. Women: 3,000m; 1. G. Kleemann (Ger), 4:18.27; 3. Y van Gennip (Neth), 4:21,08. TABLE TENNIS

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VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Ment Clearwise Brentwood 3, Herpanden Stage 3. Wessen: Tennis World Middlesbrough 3. Puras Sundarland 0; Batchwood Si Abars 1. Harpanden 2: Glearwise Brentwood 3. Haddlesses Polytechnic 0: Walton Indoor 2. Issington 1; Esing 0. Queen's Cub. London 3: Riverside Racquet Centre 3. Caris Lendon 3: Wolferg 0. woteng d. METZ: European reflorer chettsplomables: Final: Germany os Soviet Union, 2-1 (German remass final; 4 Statch as A Crentassov, 6-5, 7-5, 3-8, 2-6; U Rightwest lost to D Potentov, 7-5, 3-8, 2-8; Statch and Replevabl bit V Gabrichadza and A Obschowate, 6-9, 7-6.

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A whiff of panic as England fly in DeFreitas

the England cricket managetwo proposals smelling overpoweringly of panic.

Permission was obtained for Graham Gooch, the wounded captain, to further advance his comeback by playing, exclusively as a batsman, in today's festival match against the Bradman XI. The match at Bowral would then incongruously become one of

England also reacted star-tlingly to the thigh strain which may prevent Gladstone Small from playing for a week by summoning a bowling Phillip DeFreitas, the Lancashire fast bowler, had been at home in Manchester awaiting duties on the England A tour of Pakistan but flew out yesterday as cover for Small, who is not sure of playing a part in ule of three World Series Cup matches in four days. DeFreitas will arrive here

None of this is consistent with the off-repeated policy of contentment with the chosen

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THE staunch public front that players and belief that the recent wretched form is no more than, to use Micky past fortnight collapsed with-out apology yesterday with Indeed, with yesterday's developments, England have semaphored their state of desperation across Australia.

Gooch's early return will, of course, be the best possible tonic for the touring party, for he has been sorely missed in a variety of ways. One must, however, question the wisdom and the value of him hurrying into an irrelevant game when plainly not confidently fit. Batting against the assorted

bowlers of the Bradman side environment may be no more beneficial than a net and could be counter-productive, while to plead the case for him to bat but not field is to tamper with both the letter and spirit of the

Better by far for Gooch to have gradually stepped up his practice commitments during the week so that, if essential, he could have played a fuller role in a one-day match in Brisbane at the weekend, when his contribution could be critical to England's pros-

Paceman craves action

PHILLIP DeFreitas, who was still in good shape, though, disappointed not to have been and I have done a lot of work chosen for the original tour at Lilleshall. So now it's just a party, said yesterday that he matter of getting my bags was fit and ready to help packed and I hope to be in England in Australia. "I can't action by the weekend." wait to get out there," DeFreitas said. "I have been DeFreitas said. "I have been David Hughes, his captain watching every minute of the at Lancashire, said DeFreitas games, dying to be out there

"It has really hurt me,

should have been chosen in the first place. "I know I am biased but I believe him to be especially seeing the lads one of the best pace bowlers in Bowral did still depend on the advice of a specialist and a late decision was to be made once the party had gathered at the country town, 60 miles out of

Small's injury was still being treated as relatively minor yesterday, with the team's physiotherapist, Laurie muscle was not torn and that the howler was not necessarily to be discounted from Thursday's game against New Zealand, here in Sydney.

But the unseemly haste with which DeFreitas has been in a semi-competitive readied, for yet another of his many England reprieves, suggests a loss of confidence in the available bowlers or a growing feeling that Eddie Hemmings, who has a strained calf, may not have much left to offer to the tour.

"We are down to the bare minimum and we just have to take the precaution of sending for DeFreitas," Peter Lush, the England manager, said. There is a fear that one further bowling injury would leave England severely embarrassed, and with the players left here that may be the case. They are, however, already embarrassed by a series of international performances bereft of class and accomplish-

Australia are in such ascendancy in the winter's competitions that they can afford to shuffle their side, resting their best players when they are not considered essential England, beset by problems not all of their own making, would give a great deal for one chance to put their best team

Pakistan's faint hope, page 42



Robson ready to take up new challenge

From Stuart Jones in algiers

BRYAN Robson will today opening of a new era under attempt to resurrect his inter- Taylor. He was not convinced national career by establishing that he would necessarily be for himself a rightful place in a asked to contribute. defence which he describes as "the quickest back five in the new manager's opinions are world". It is there, rather than going to be. He might have in his former demanding midfield role, that his England

selected for the B team with- the last World Cup, I think we out even proving his fitness can compete with the best for Manchester United, Rob-teams in the world. son relishes the prospect of a country, under Ron Greenwood, almost a decade ago.

But he stresses that he will got three excellent man-tonot be tied to defensive duties man markers in Mark Wright, and Graham Taylor agrees Des Walker and Paul Parker, with his philosophy. "I'll be disappointed if he doesn't find himself in Algeria's penalty area on at least one occasion, the England manager said. "In

"I don't want to be restrained," he continued in . more serious vein. "We will line up with three at the back but if I've got possession and I can see an opportunity to play a one-two or dribble past somebody, then I'll do that if I think it is the right decision.

that case, we need to win a few

corners," his captain said in

"That is how the manager sees it as well so that suits me. in and get accustomed to the system. I just hope I do myself justice. Besides, I need group he so admires.

tions and the shattering dis- ances for England. "I want to in the middle of a second that if I am playing well." successive World Cup, he has

"You never know what a wanted to bring in a new set of youngsters but, in the three Though surprised to be seen anything different. As in

"There is some room for position which is not entirely improvement in scoring goals foreign to him. He has acted as and that is not the respona sweeper for both his club, sibility only of the forwards under Alex Ferguson, and his but of the midfield players as well. The full backs must also Although Robson believes

that he could still contribute in midfield, an opinion not shared by Taylor, he recognises the benefit of the sweeper system. "With the exception of the Netherlands in the European channe ionship two years ago, all of the world's most successful teams have played that way,

"With Wright, Walker and Parker, we've got the quickest back five in the world. With embarrassed wherever they find themselves on the pitch." Sees it as well so that suits me.

This is a new challenge for me and it is a good match to settle in and set accustomed to the steps towards infiltrating the

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United in TV row, page 43

McLoughlin on the move for £1m

IF HARDLY a week goes by without a Test match or one-day international somewhere in the world, much the same of the world, where the world is the world the worl Town and Republic of Ireland international midfield player. Aged 23, McLoughlin was Swindon's most influential player as they reached the second division play-offs last season, and subsequently played in the World Cup finals

ng runs from mid field, will make him a natural replacement for Jimmy Case. who is understood to be contemplating retirement Paul Bodin is expected to be the next player to depart Swindon, who are deeply in

The game which is becoming more of a strain

can be said of news of injuries to cricketers. Be it inadequate protection, differing pitches or would not have been spotted simply that they are playing in Bradman's day. So instead too much, they need physio- of carrying the ailment, the therapists and hospitals as cricketer is given the option of

According to a former England captain, Mike Denness, and a former England physic, Bernard Thomas, this is not an illusion. "It would appear and pitches prepared to suit that there are more injuries," the home side all contribute to injuries. The chemicals that at hospitals all round the groundsmen use now may be world pick out things that innocent but certain players

not playing.

"In India such diagnosis is not so readily available, but then there is less fast bowling. Quick bowlers, harder pitches

youngsters going on their first tours might be vulnerable to injuries. I know of one England fast bowler who went on his first tour with only one pair of boots. Another player suffered an infected knee when the ball went through his pad. I could quote lots of instances of players not receiving the right advice."

Thomas added: "I am all in favour of experimenting with protection but it is not possible to protect the hand completely given the angle at which the ball is bowied." owing to the growth of oneday internationals. For the second time since 1986, England are touring Australia in the same year that they have been to the West Indies. There

This year there has been experiments with finger and glove protection. A special Test glove with hardened plastic was patented by Gray-Nicolls for Robin Smith; a fingerguard made of hexalite (light surgical plastic) was devised by Ralph Dellor, the

ers to plaster tape their gloves. "I was never out of the game

through a hand injury," Denness. "My injuries tended to be self-inflicted. In Australia in 1974-5 we were more should be cushioning a blow is scant break for the players. concerned with avoiding being hit on the head by Lillee and Thomson before the advent of helmets. But we played only one one-day international on that tour and the highly competitive matches with more diving around, means there is a greater chance of being injured

Do Australian and New Zealand cricketers get as many hand injuries? My feeling is that they do not. Gloves and not jarring fingers against

"Cricketers' injuries, though, are often derived from what they do to themselves, rather than resulting from physical contact. If a cricketer is fit and yet is kept out of the game by hamstring or back injuries, there must be a physical weakness."

debt. The left back is likely to in Italy. He scored 16 goals move to Sunderland, with along the way to Swindon's Paul Hardyman possibly trav-Wembley win over Sunderelling to the County Ground land in the play-off final last in part exchange. May, and was disappointed at Lincoln City yesterday the club's demotion from the signed Keith Alexander, the first division for financial Stockport County forward, for

ETHIOPIA CRISIS FAMINE: It needn't happen

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explain why, since I detect some surprise that I was working from the warmth of the West End when my feet really should have been frozen to the television gantry at Kenilmay be on the point of resigning as one of the three members for 1981 but left after the side had the Leeds district: or that the won the NatWest Trophy five 3.704: 3. Nihat IR Hooks, US, 3.328; 4. Tours, Inc. Trophy from Justice.

Ulstermen vow to stay with Britain

STEVE Martin and James Kirkwood, the Ulstermen, have announced their continued commitment to the Great Britain cause should the Irish Hockey Union (IHU) decide to take part independently in the Olympic Games at its special general meeting in Dublin on January 19.

Kirkwood, aged 27 and

Martin, 31, were with the Olympic qualifying tour-Great Britain team at the nament in Auckland, New twelfth Champions Trophy tournament last month at Melbourne, where Martin played an important role as left back in all five matches. Kirkwood had only one full

Another Ulsterman, Daniel Clarke, aged 20, must decide whether to stick with Great Britain after playing for them against France in August.

At the meeting of the governing body of the IHU in Dublin in Saturday, the overall view, despite the opposition from Ulster, was that Ireland should play in the Zesland, next October.

As this involves a fun-damental change in the structure of the IHU, the governing body decided to leave the final decision to the special general

BRIAN MOORE, the tele-

vision commentator, explains

why he still cannot see the

professional foul that earned

By RICHARD EVANS BRITAIN'S horse vets yesterday came out in favour of specialist scientists handling the early stages of drug-related enquiries following the controversial Aliysa affair.

The British Equine Veterinary Assocation (Beva) also disclosed it had held reservations about the conduct of similar investigations for

many years. A plan to establish a panel of scientific experts to carry out a preliminary assessment Public Prosecutions. of the evidence in drug cases was put to members of the Jockey Club privately last March by Beva.

Following the disqualifica-tion of the 1989 Oaks winner and the subsequent withdrawal from British racing of

Vets offer racing help on drug cases

matter of priority".

The Jockey Club should establish a panel which would include "the acknowledged and demonstrable clinical, pharmacological and physiological expertise of the veterinary profession", Beva says. It would advise the Jockey Club whether or not there was a case to answer, in a

A change in policy would bring about a "commonsense" approach to drug-related enquiries and deal with its reservations. Beva indicated. In a statement, the association said: "Those reserva-

way similar to the Director of

the Aga Khan a week ago, a system of interpretation of Britain is continuing to play a Beva is advocating the adop- the results of examinations full part in formulating any tion of such a system "as a carried out by the HFL revisions which may be matter of priority". [Horseracing Forensic Lab considered," David Pipe. [Horseracing Forensic Laboratory] in Newmarket.

irregularities.

The competence of this Jockey Club, said. laboratory is beyond question. and it is undoubtedly among the world leaders in this field of activity. However, once a positive result has been ob- regarding them. Internationtained from a racehorse, a ally, we agree on what are Jockey Club enquiry and dis- prohibited substances. If we qualification become inevitable."

The Jockey Club insisted last night the doping issue must be dealt with at international rather than national level. "To this end the debate representative in England. on this complex topic is who said it was a significant already on the agenda of step forward towards improvmeetings of international rac- ing scientific methods in this

director of public affairs at the

"We note what Beva are saying and we are dealing with it at an international level," Pipe added. "No-one is distry to apply the rules differently, you are in a mad-

The Beva plan was welcomed last night by Matthew McCloy, the Aga Khan's legal

Football is shooting itself in the foot again

I MUST declare an interest. I seriously misread the Tony Adams sending-off at Luton on Saturday. As I sat in a bare West End studio commentating from a television screen to a world-wide audience spread, I was told, from the United States to South Africa, I spoke with stunning certainty: "It can only have been something he said to the referee."

It did not even occur to me that it could have been a "professional foul". My defence is that it was, after all, an everyday challenge by Adams on Iain Dowie and it was dear old Sports Report on the car radio a little later that gave me the first clue that I had missed the big story. However, the repercussions for the game are more serious than I hope they are for me. It was the end of a perfect Saturday for me and I should

Tony Adams a red card I had been in Nottingham overnight preparing for the match between Forest and Liverpool for our overseas customers. All that

changed when the Arctic enveloped the East Midlands, the game was called off by ten o'clock on Saturday morning and, without even getting within hailing distance of Brian Clough, I found myself high-stepping through deep snow and a blizzard to Nottingham station where, two freezing hours later, a ered speed for St Pancras.

solitary train moved on and gath-Incidentally, my producers had told me to get to London, that the feature match would now be Luton v Arsenal, and to try to make it on time. I tell you all this in a further attempt to distance myself from the

school, and so it was that my taxi pulled up at the Foley Street studio, just north of Oxford Street, at 2.45. Not much preparation time, it is true, but with a bit of guesswork here and a touch of "letting the picture tell the story" there, I kept close enough to the game with the help of my little monitor set. Until the 73rd minute.

I have seen that challenge by Adams replayed several times. The referce, Philip Don, called it "serious foul play". His judgment, I have no doubt, was honestly delivered. I believe he was wrong and I am not sure it was what Fifa had in mind last summer when it issued its redcard instructions against the professional foul. I think we all saw, and applauded,

the end of swift forwards bearing down on goal being clobbered by heavy-footed defenders as a last and desperate measure. Red card quite right. But Adams's challenge was nothing like that and it was one, I suggest, we see outside the penalty area half adozen times in every

I do not argue with the penalty, only with the sending-off. And where does all of this leave the assault by David Burrows on Danny Wallace in the Manchester United-Liverpool Rumbelows Cup tie in October? That was the classic example of the professional foul if ever there was one, but there was no red card for the Liverpool defender. By Saturday's values, it was probably worth four.

What is clear is that the League's referees as a body should this week take a deep breath and determine to separate the cynical from the clumsy. I hate the sight of yellow and red cards but acknowledge that they are necessary and I still applaud enthusiastically the philosophy of the best referees that they

should do their utmost to finish with 22 players on the field. But what happens now? As of last Saturday, are referees tied to a harsh code where any desperate challenge inside or outside the penalty area is considered a red-card offence? Are players now even more precarious on the tightrope of what is allowed and what is not? Are we further than ever from a sensible standard of consistent decision-making?

One further aside, is there now a possible double bonus for the cheat who dives in search of penalties? games this season, the attendances

We have had some wonderful are on the increase, the first division championship is alive again, and the third round of the FA Cup is just around the corner. Yet once more. with all this red-card talk, we find the barrel again pointed at football's

I apologise for my part in it here-Naturally, I am disappointed that I did not spot the "professional foul" on Saturday. But I am sadder still that the game - in the aftermath of this one decision - may have strayed dangerously over the line separating good sense and what is plain daff.

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